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The
KINGDOM
of
TERROR!

A FULL-LENGTH ACTION-THRILLER

AMAZING BARGAINS

Ladies' & Men's Engagement, Wedding, Friendship Rings

YOUR CHOICE

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17. Men's Ring with 2 sparkling simulated diamonds and ruby in center. Yellow gold color mounting.



69. Men's Ring—sparkling center stone. White gold color effect.



26. Men's Ring with large simulated Ruby, also in assorted colored stones. Yellow or white gold color effect.



75. Men's Ring—sparkling replica diamond. White or yellow gold color effect. (1 kt. size stone.)



68. Men's Ring—flashing, extra large, replica diamond. White or yellow gold color effect.



66. Men's Ring—flashing replica diamond—smaller stone on each side. White or yellow gold color effect.



73. Ladies' Cameo Ring. Yellow gold color effect.



44. Men's Wedding Ring. Yellow or white gold color effect, or sterling silver.



39. Ladies' Solitaire Ring. 3 sparkling simulated diamonds. White gold color effect.



53. Egyptian Ring—unusual design. Very odd.



64. Men's simulated large square cut ruby. Yellow gold color effect.



74. Men's Ring—brilliant replica diamond. Yellow gold color effect. Gypsy setting.



61. Ladies' Engagement Ring with 5 large brilliant simulated diamonds. Yellow gold color effect.



23. Ladies' Engagement Ring, exceptionally brilliant simulated diamond. Tiffany Style setting. White or yellow gold color effect.



33. Large Ladies' Ring. Simulated diamond—2 smaller sized stones. Yellow or white gold color effect.



58. Indian Head Ring. Head is stamped in gold leaf.



20. Ladies' Engagement ring with 5 brilliant simulated diamonds. Yellow gold color effect.



57. Hand Carved Corozo Nut Ring—Indian Head.



70. Men's Ring—fine replica diamond. Yellow gold color effect.



10. Child's Signet Ring. Yellow or white gold color effect.



7. Love & Friendship Ring. Solid sterling silver with 2 hearts linked. Forget-me-not design.



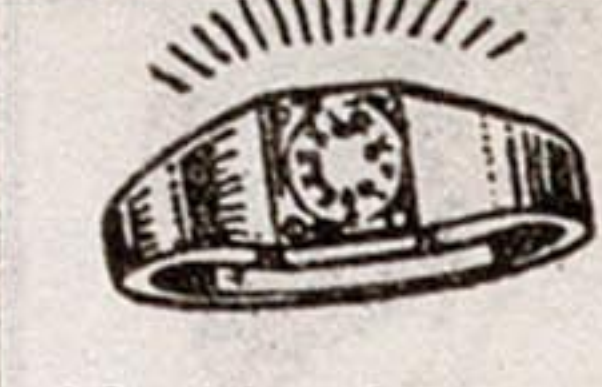
60. Ladies' Engagement Ring set with large center simulated diamond and small stones on sides. Yellow gold color effect.



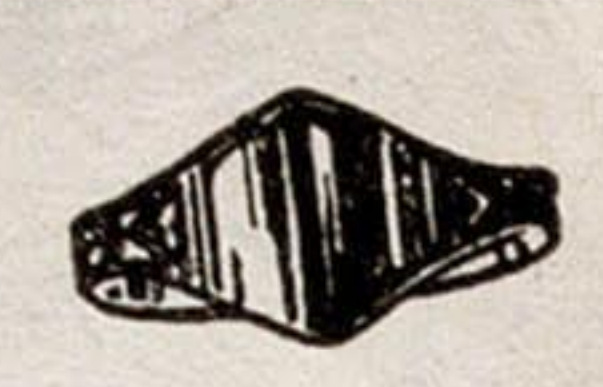
18. Ladies' Birthstone Ring. White or yellow gold color effect or sterling silver. Give month of birth for proper stone color.



67. Men's Ring—large brilliant replica, white diamond. White gold color effect.



12. Men's Ring with simulated diamond in square mounting. Yellow or white gold color effect.



35. Men's Signet Ring. White gold color effect or sterling silver.



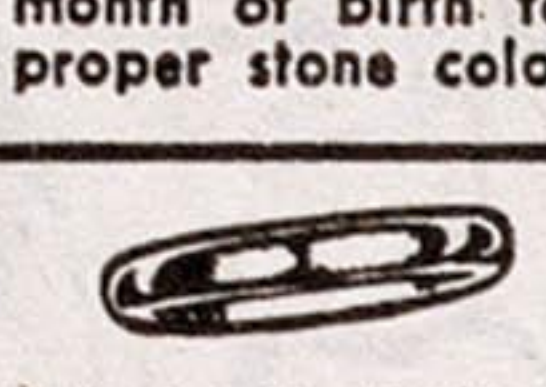
43. Ladies' Wedding Band. 7 large brilliant simulated diamonds. White or yellow gold color effect or sterling silver.



4. Friendship Ring solid sterling silver. Smart popular Sweetheart design.



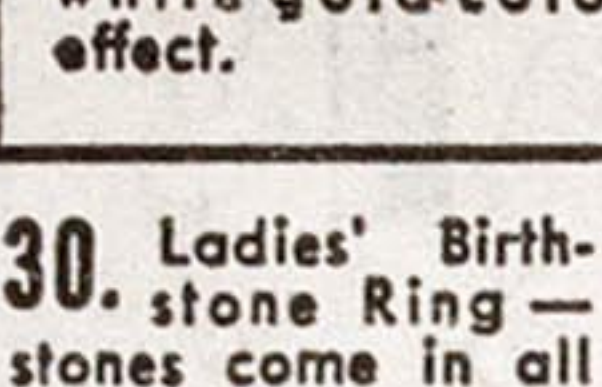
19. Ladies' Solitaire Engagement ring. Filigree mounting white gold color effect or sterling silver.



25. Ladies' Plain Wedding Band. Yellow or white gold color effect, or sterling silver.



30. Ladies' Birthstone Ring—stones come in all colors. Sterling silver mounting (stamped in ring). State color stone desired.



38. Ladies' Solitaire Ring. Center stone is genuine diamond chip. Solid sterling silver mounting.



24. Love & Friendship Ring. Solid sterling silver. Beautifully engraved. Also used as Wedding ring.



37. Love & Friendship Ring. Chased design also used as wedding ring. Yellow or white gold effect, or sterling silver.



5. Men's Ring with single sparkling simulated diamond—yellow gold color effect.



11. Wedding Ring. Raised floral design. White gold or yellow color effect, or sterling silver.



71. Ladies' Engagement ring. White gold color effect. Tiffany setting. Large single stone.



76. Ladies' Ring. Yellow gold color effect. (Fancy Design. Large single stone.)



59. Wedding Ring—beautifully chased. Yellow or white gold color effect or solid sterling silver.



48. Wedding Band with sparkling simulated diamonds. White or yellow gold color effect or sterling silver.



41. Ladies' Solitaire Ring with large center simulated diamond and 6 smaller stones. Yellow or white gold color effect.



45. Corozo Nut Ring Hand Carved. Set with simulated pearl. (Comes in various designs.)



77. Ladies' Engagement Ring. Replica diamond with smaller stone on each side. White gold color effect.



72. Men's Large Cameo Ring—black & white or brown & white stone. White gold color effect, or sterling silver.



22. Ladies' Solitaire engagement ring. Extra large, brilliant simulated diamond. Yellow or white gold color effect.



65. Extra Large Dinner Ring—yellow gold plate over sterling silver. Stone comes in all colors.

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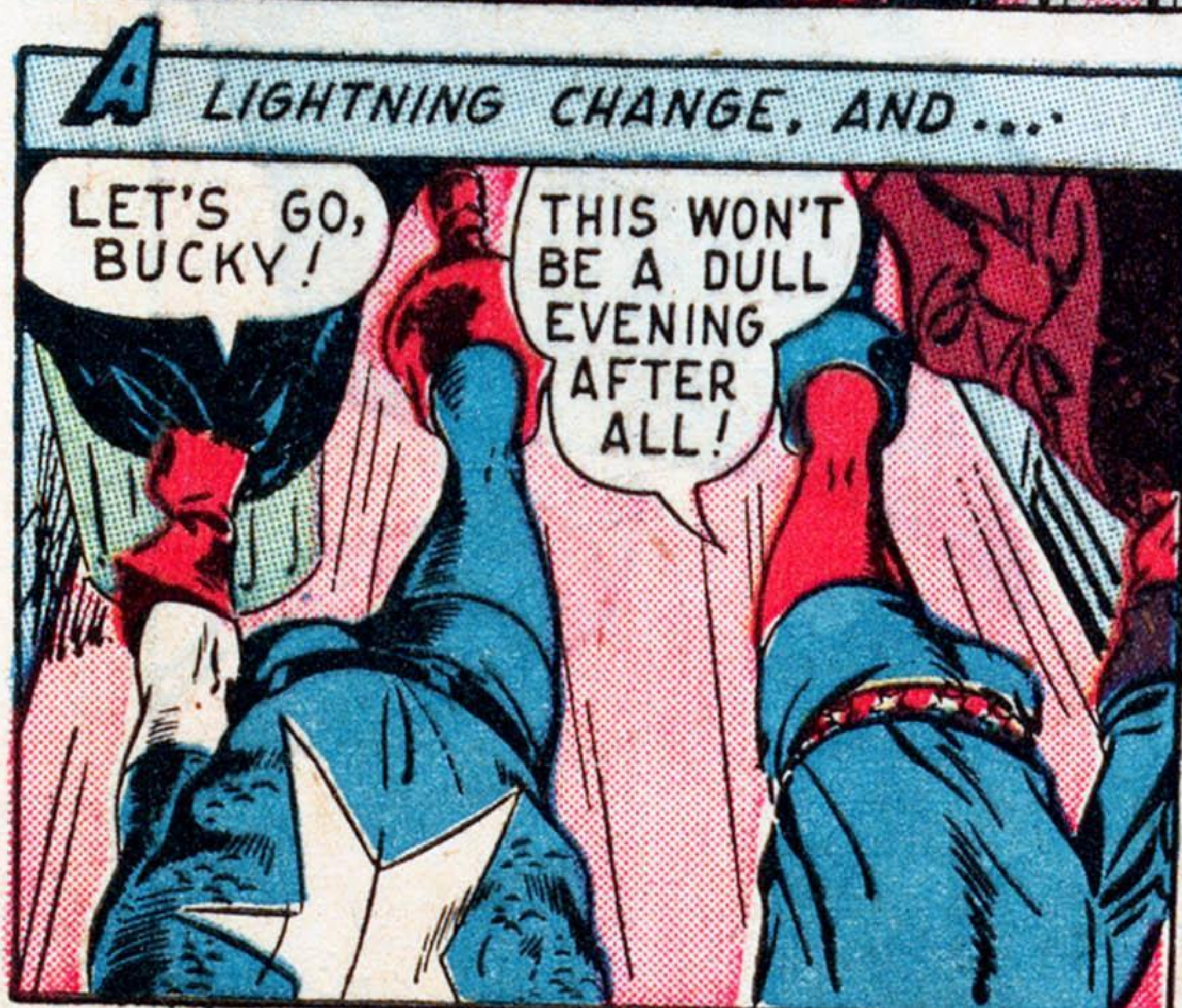
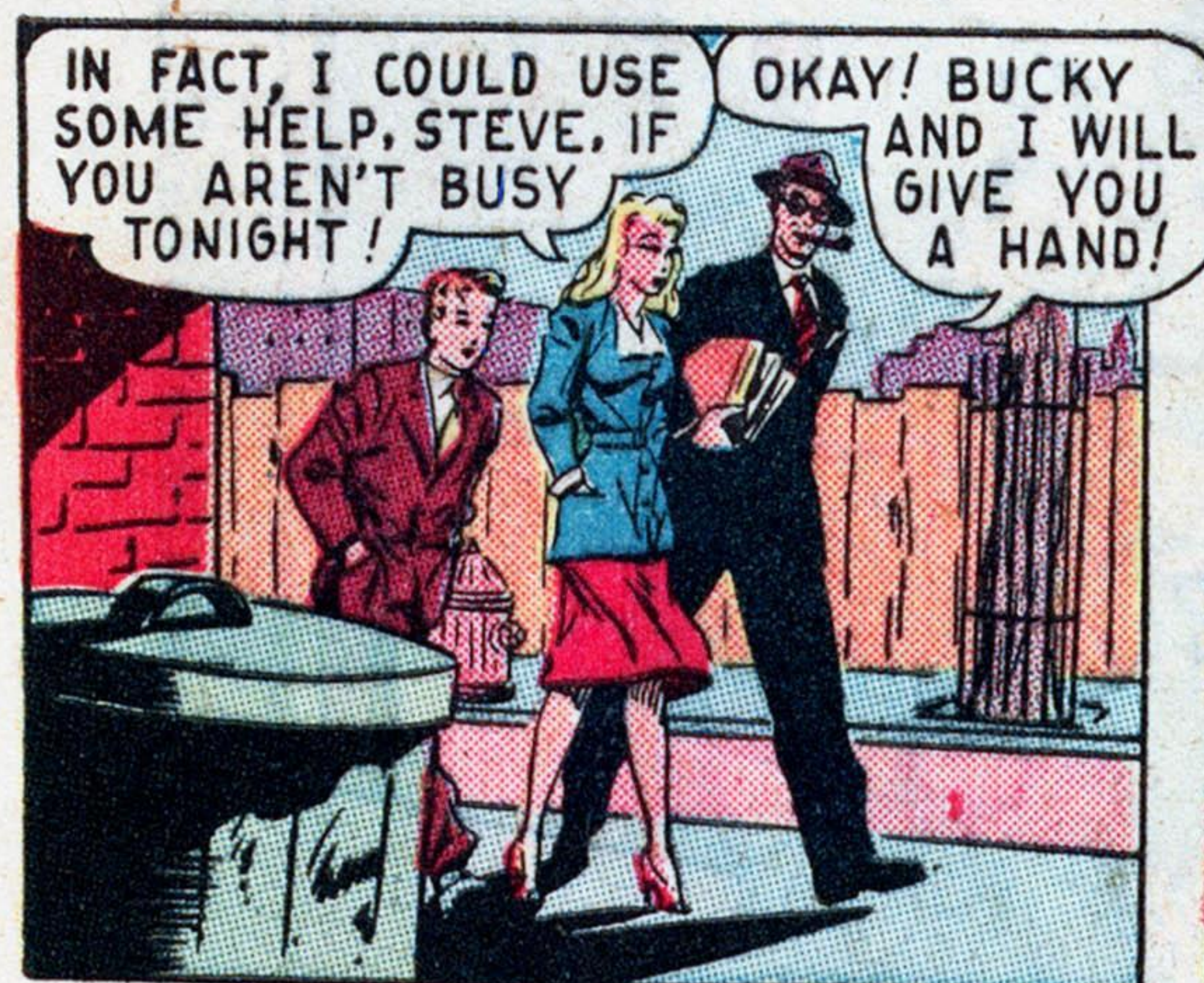
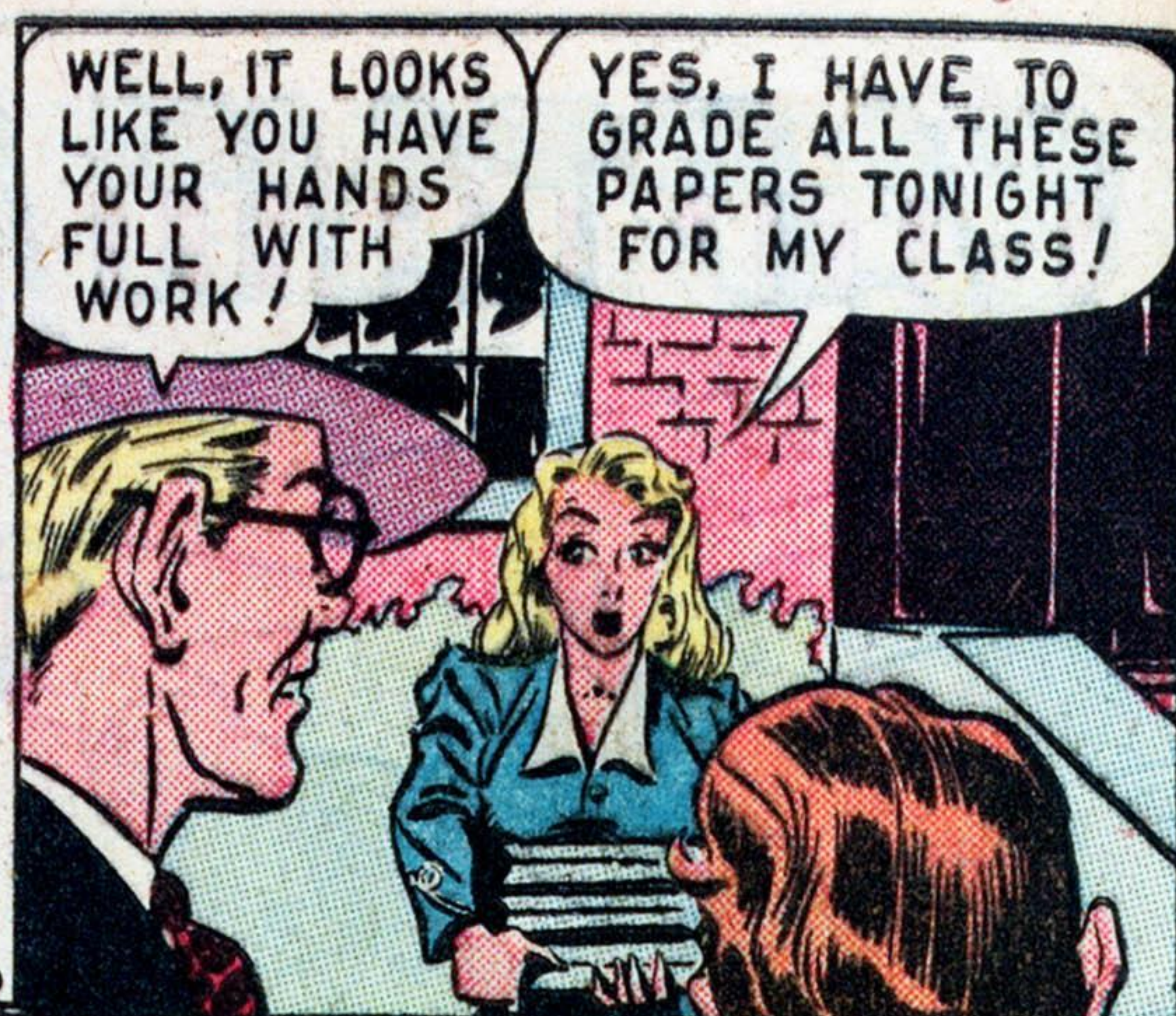
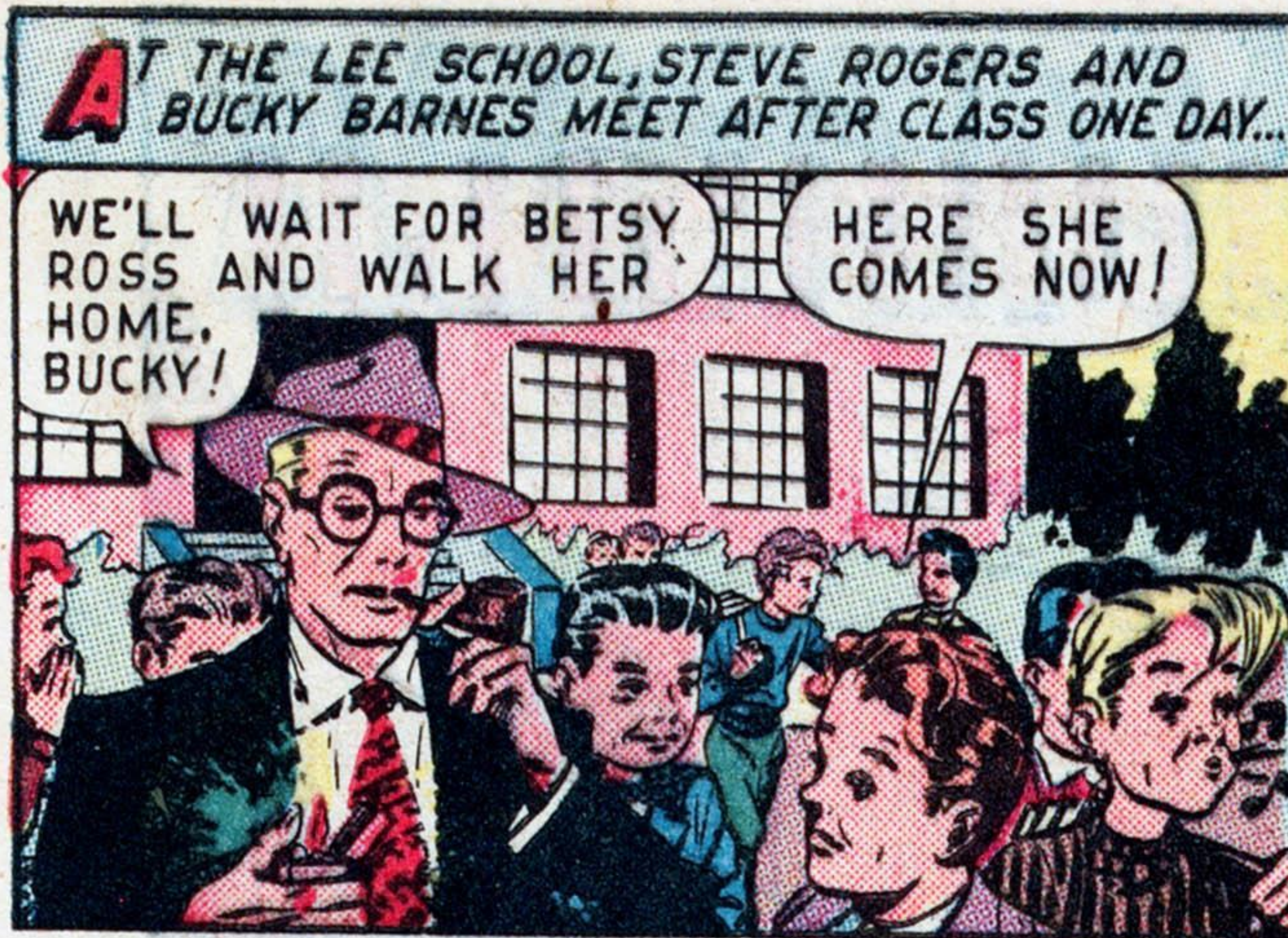
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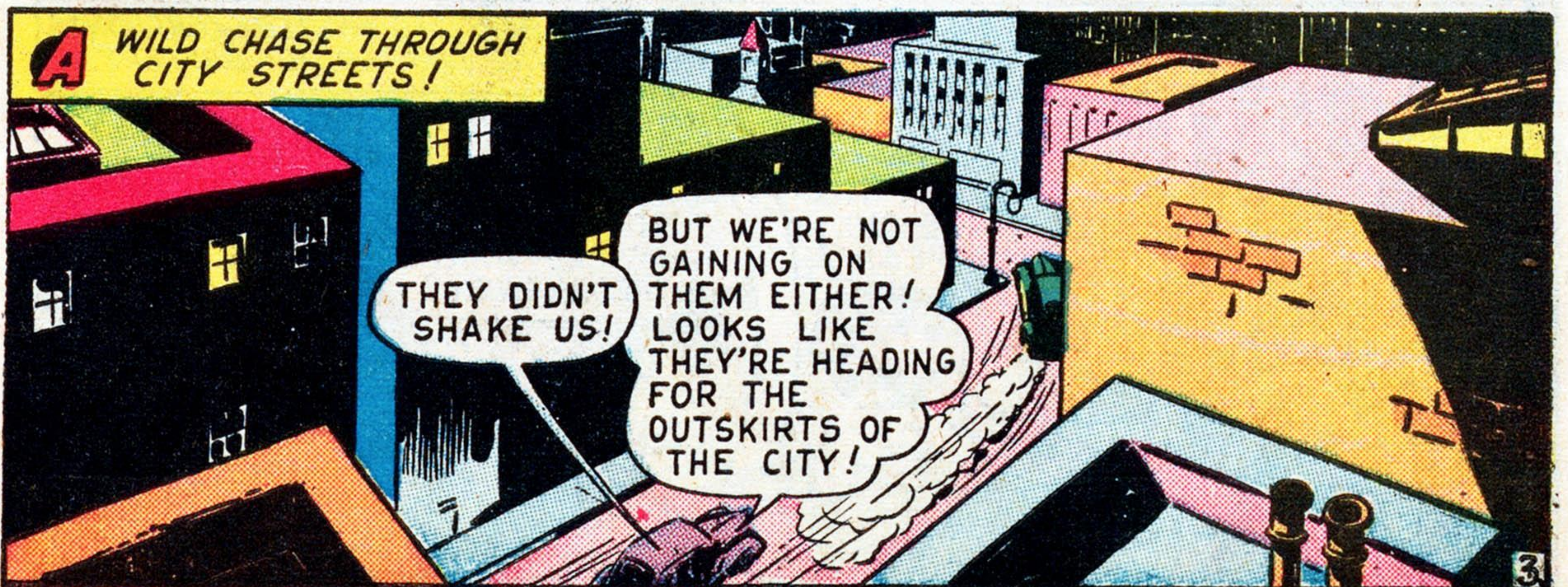
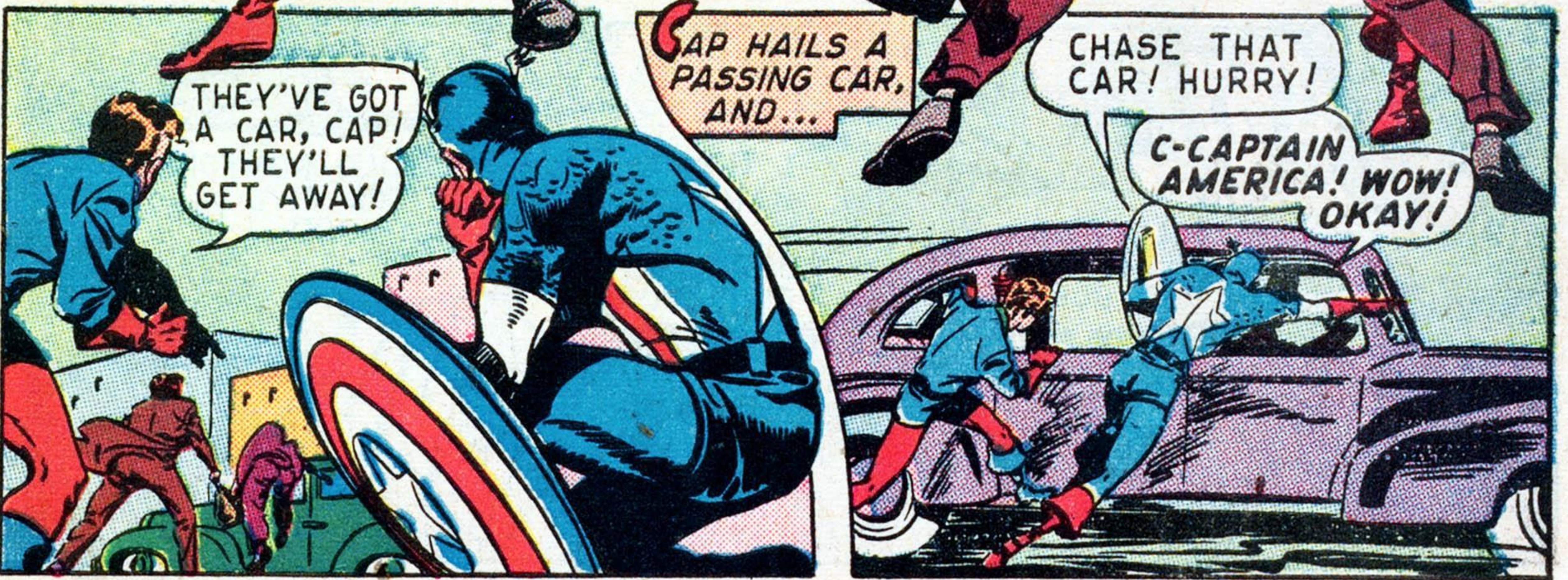
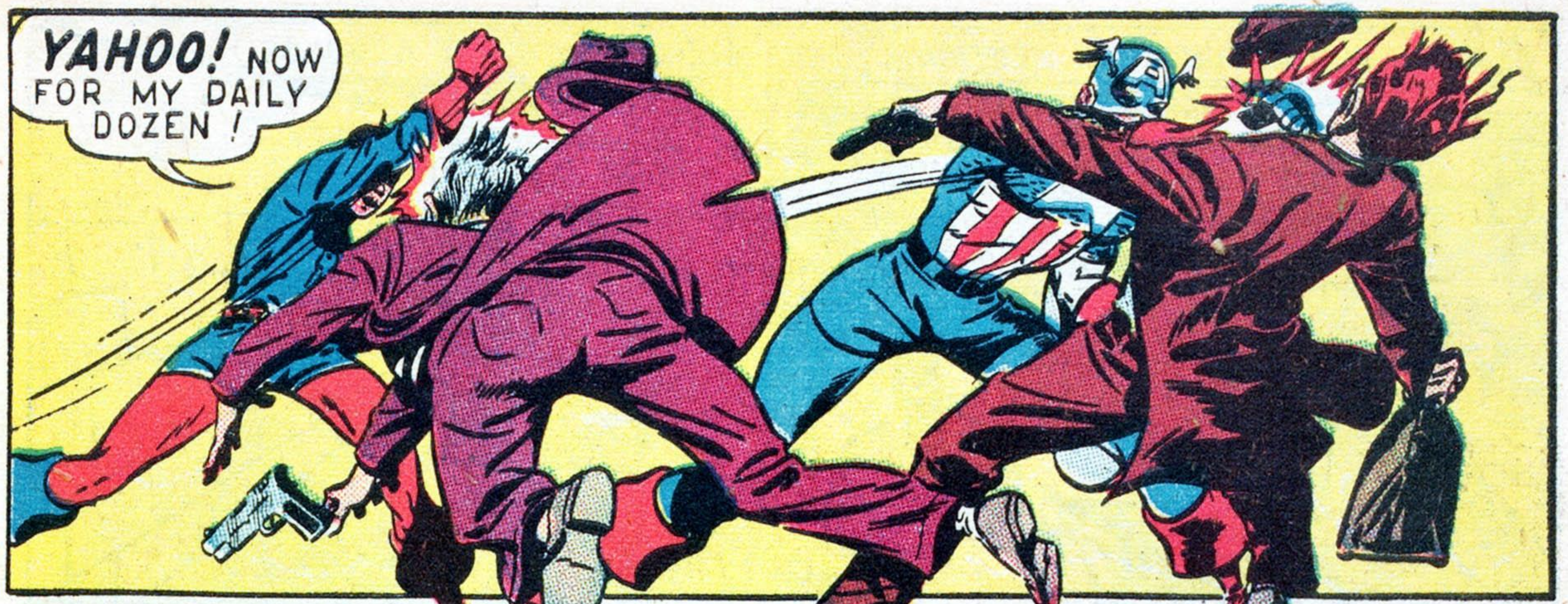
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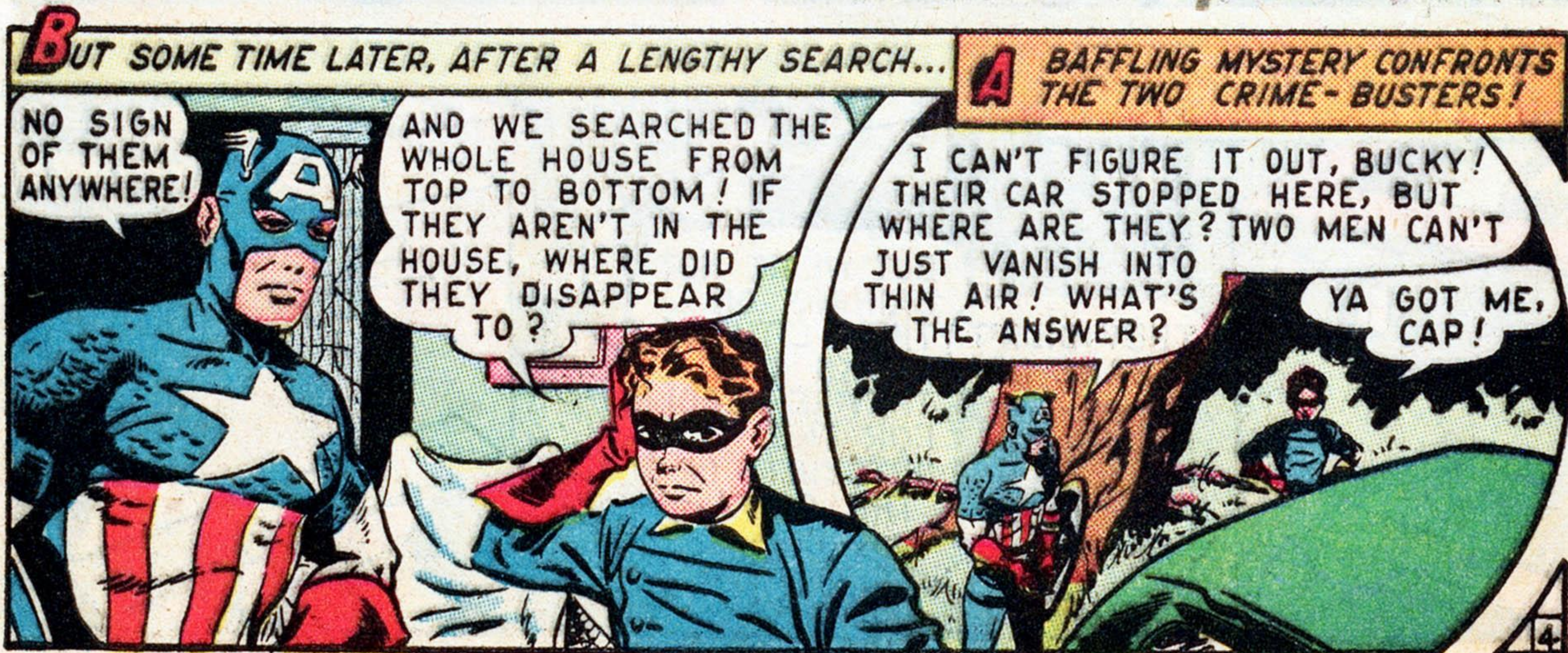
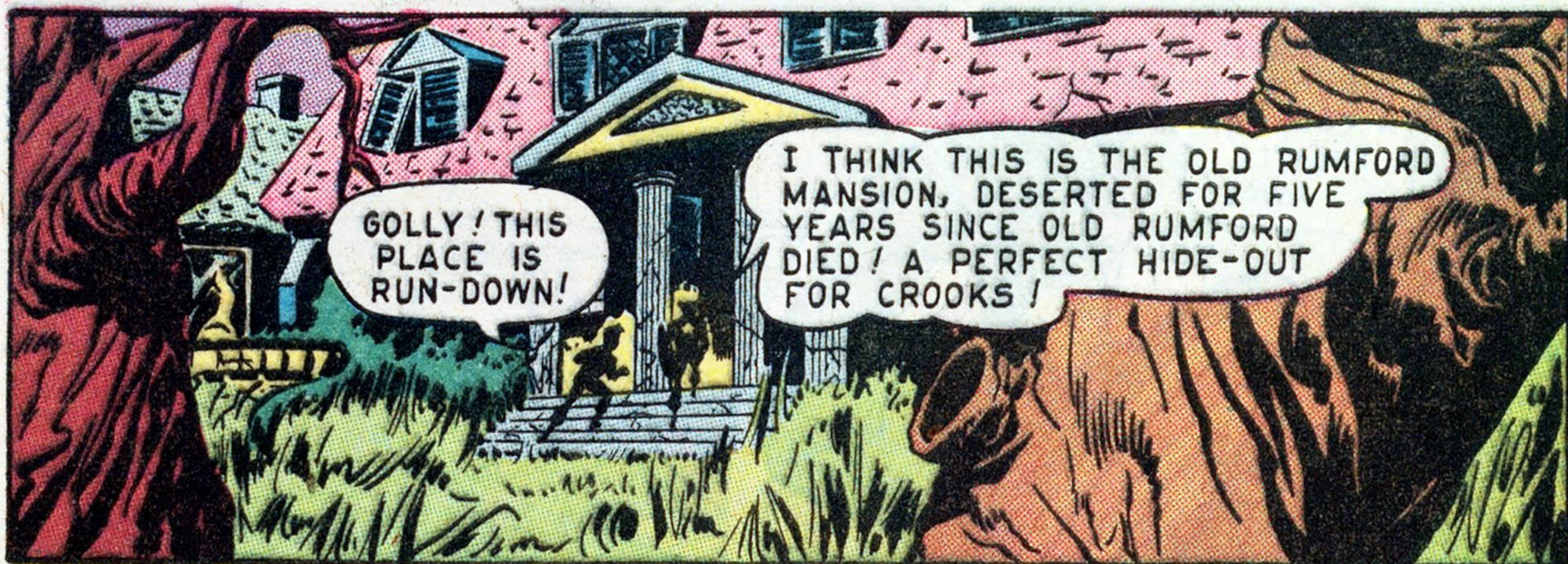
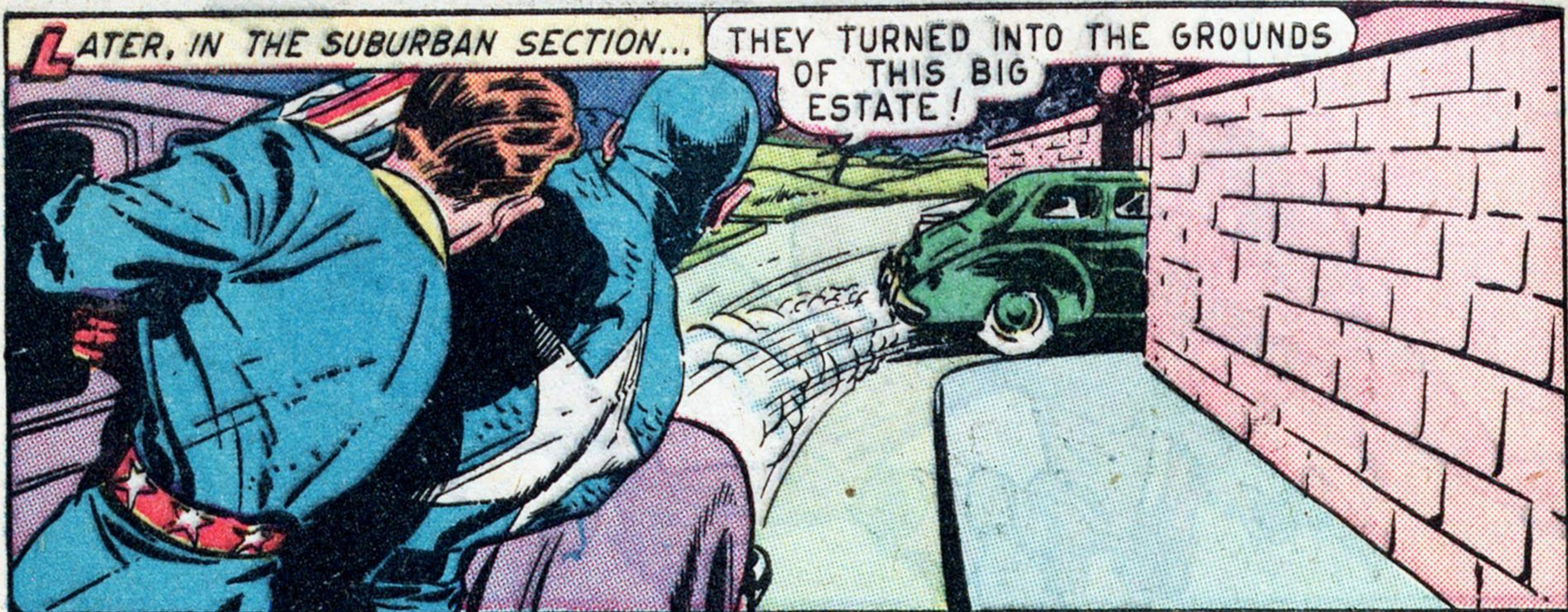


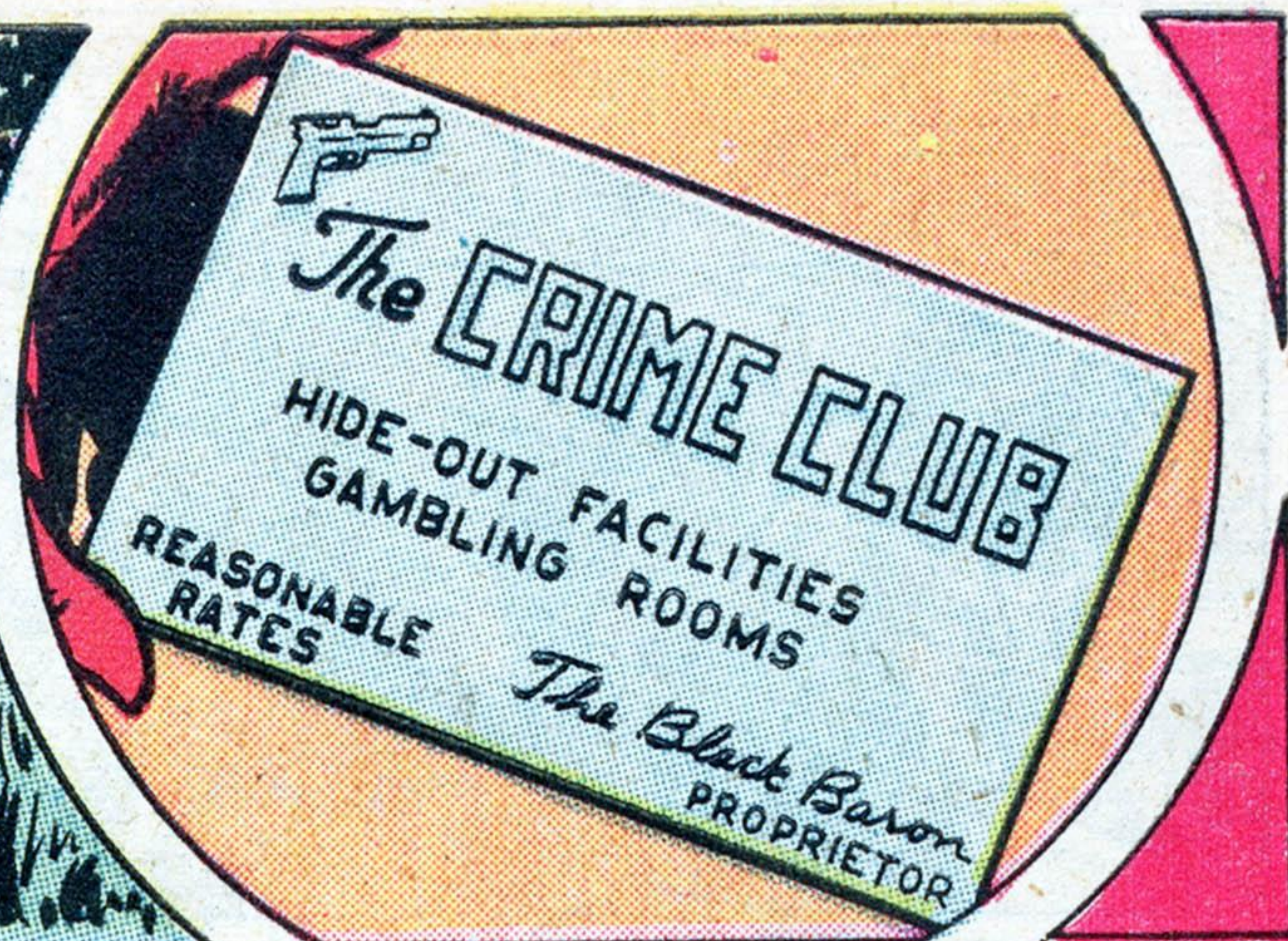
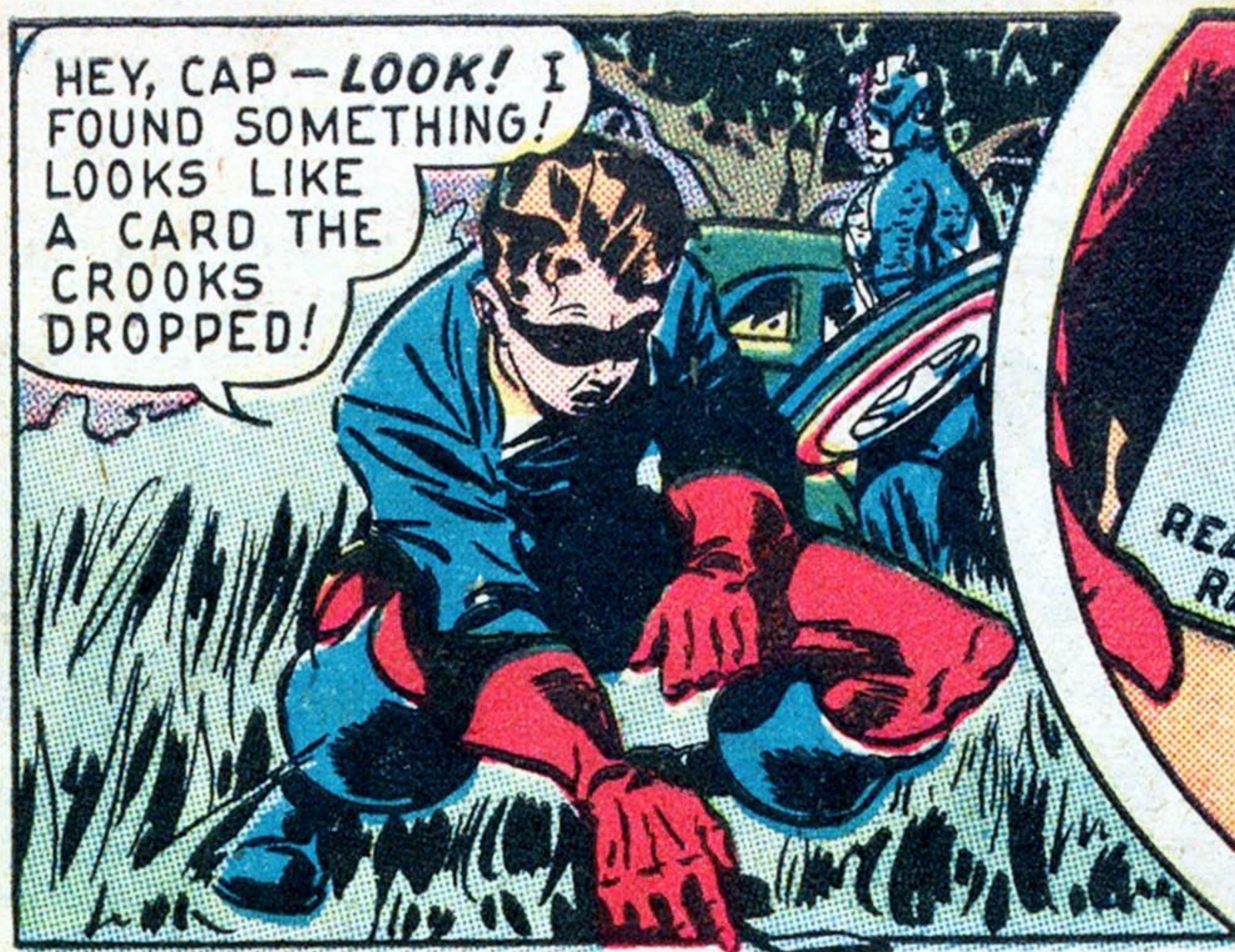
HERE IS THE MOST EXCLUSIVE
HIDEAWAY IN THE WORLD... THE
CRIME CLUB! FOR FEES IN TAINTED
MONEY, A CRIMINAL CAN HAVE EVERY
LUXURY AND PROTECTION FROM THE
ARM OF THE LAW. AND WHEN CAPTAIN
AMERICA AND BUCKY ENTER THIS
PERILOUS DEN, THEY COME FACE TO
FACE WITH DEATH, IN...

"The **KINGDOM
OF TERROR!"**



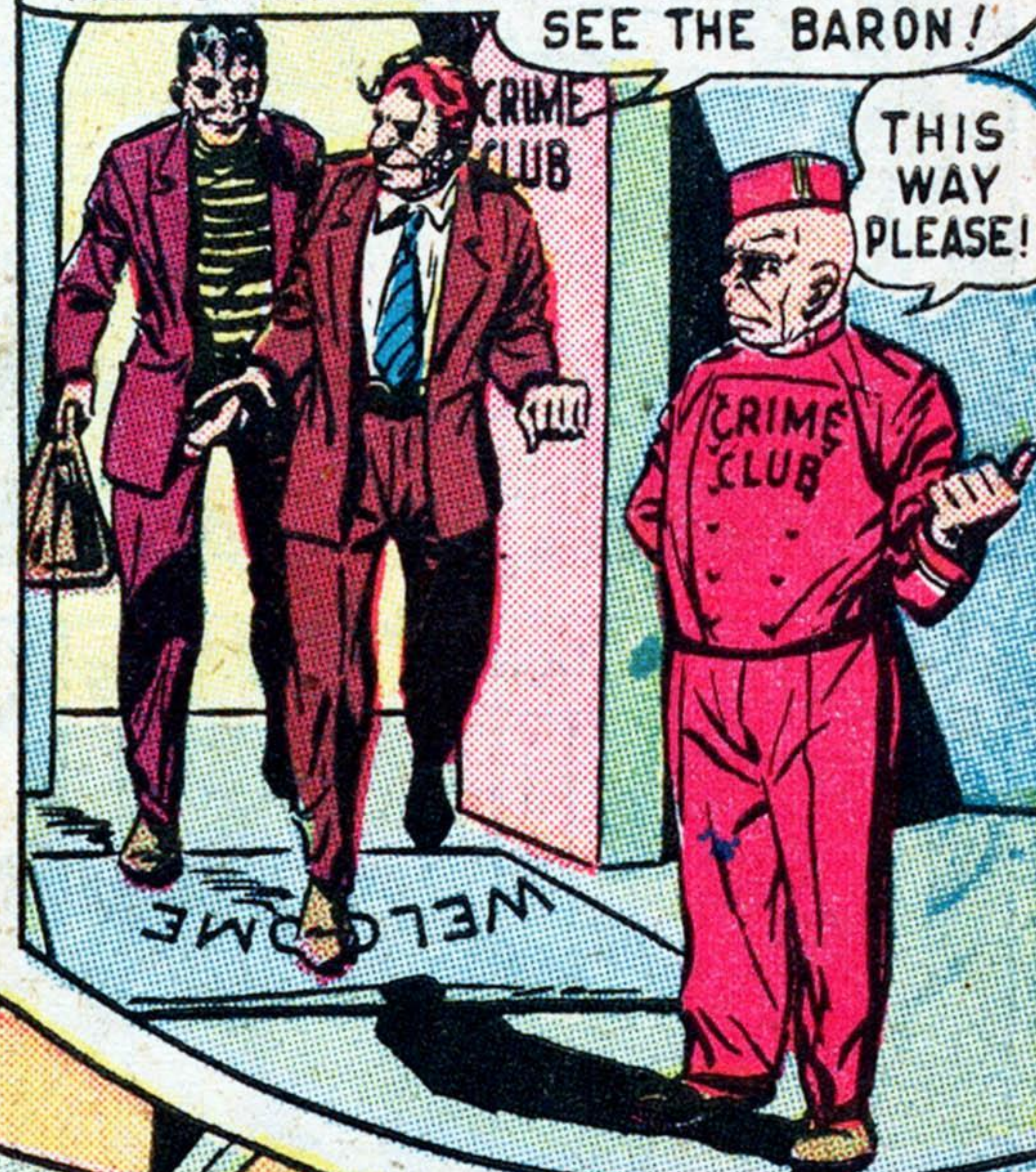






LET US NOW MOVE ELSEWHERE, AND PEER INTO THE MYSTERIOUS CRIME CLUB OF THE BLACK BARON!

HA-HA! WE GAVE CAPTAIN AMERICA THE SLIP! WE'RE SAFE! NOW TO SEE THE BARON!



THE THUGS ARE USHERED INTO THE LUXURIOUS QUARTERS OF THE CRAFTY PROPRIETOR OF THE CRIME CLUB!





WE MADE A GOOD HAUL,
AND WE WANNA BUY
HIDE-OUT
TIME HERE!

GOOD! OF COURSE YOU
KNOW MY RATES! ONE
THIRD OF THE HAUL,
PLUS \$100 A DAY
EXPENSES!



WELL, QUEENIE, BUSINESS IS
BOOMING SINCE I DISTRIBUTED
THOSE CARDS ALL THROUGH
THE UNDERWORLD! ALL THE
CROOKS ARE BEGINNING TO
USE OUR SERVICES... AT A
PRICE!

DON'T FORGET
MY HALF!

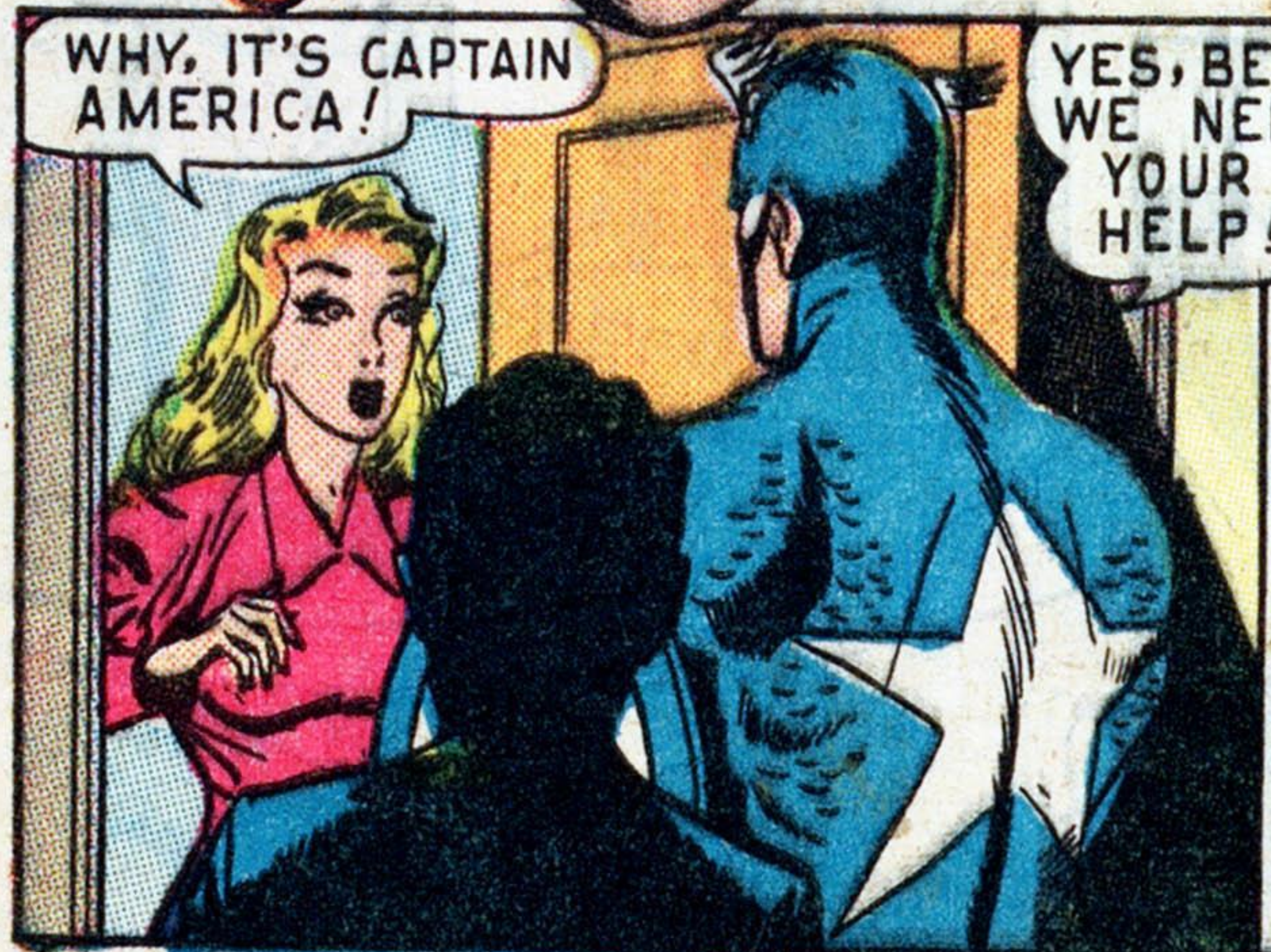


THE BEST PART IS
THAT WE'RE **PERFECTLY
SAFE!** THE COPS WILL
NEVER FIND THIS
PLACE! IN A SHORT
TIME, WITH ALL
THE PROCEEDS
COMING IN,
WE'LL BE **RICH!**
THIS CRIME CLUB
IS A GOLD
MINE!



AND ELSEWHERE, STILL
BAFFLED, CAPTAIN AMERICA
AND BUCKY MAKE THEIR WAY
TO BETSY ROSS'...

I'LL BET BETSY IS SORE THAT
WE DIDN'T SHOW UP BEFORE,
BUT THIS IS MUCH MORE
IMPORTANT! SHE CAN SAVE US
A LOT OF TIME BY HELPING US ON
THIS CASE!

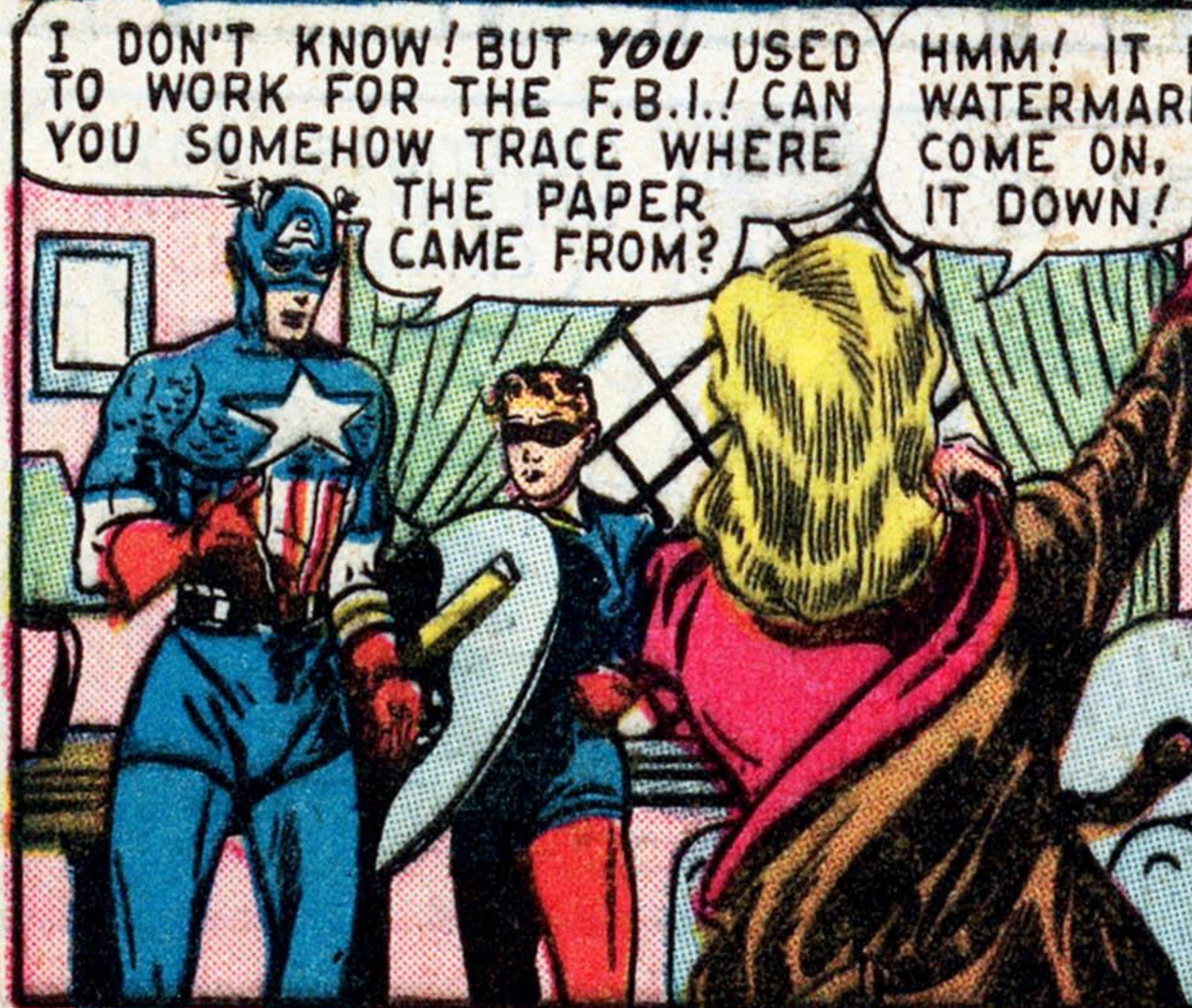


WHY, IT'S CAPTAIN
AMERICA!

YES, BETSY!
WE NEED
YOUR
HELP!

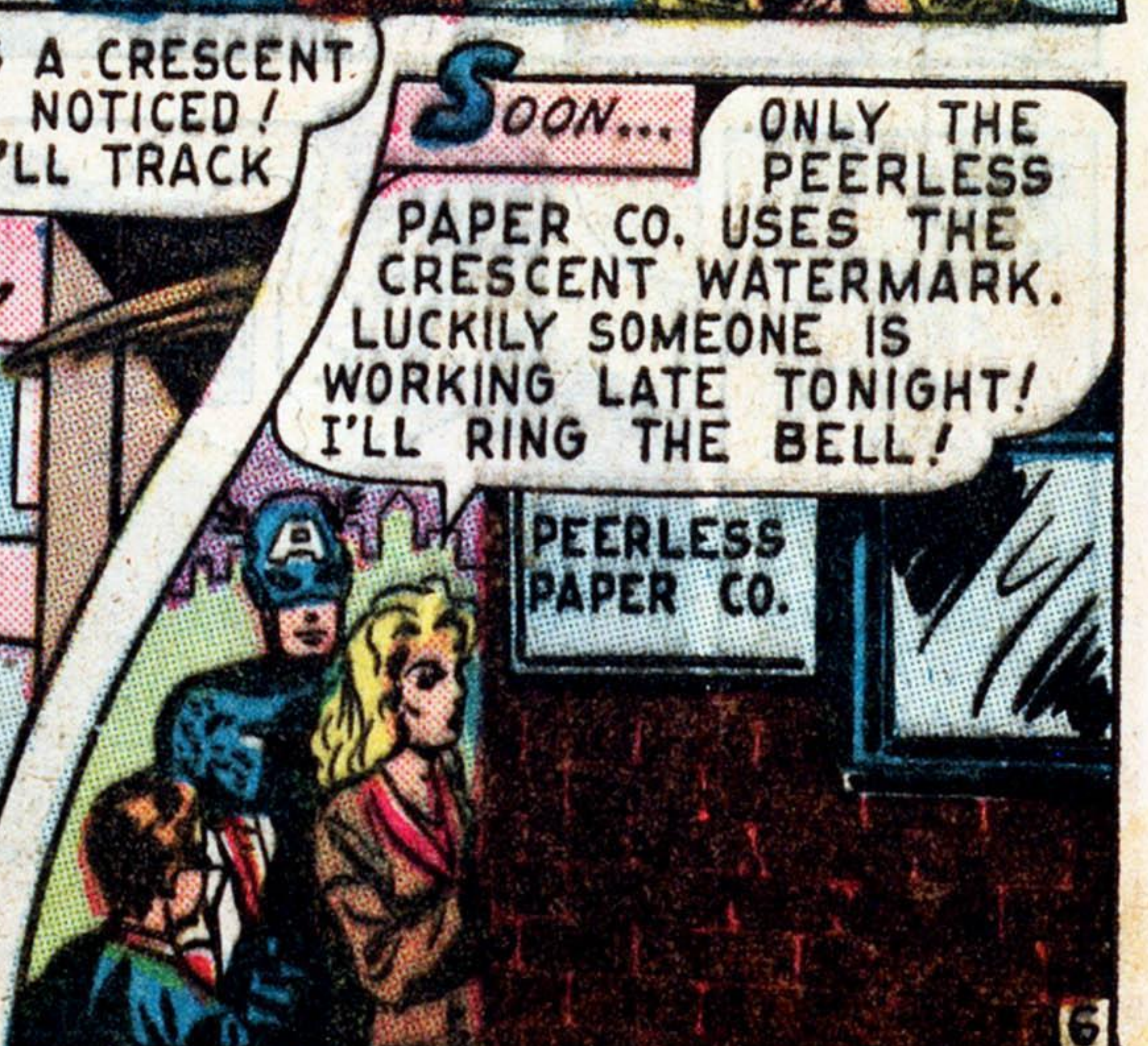
WE CHASED AND LOST
A COUPLE OF CROOKS!
THE ONLY CLUE IS
THIS CARD!

CRIME
CLUB?
WHAT'S
THAT?



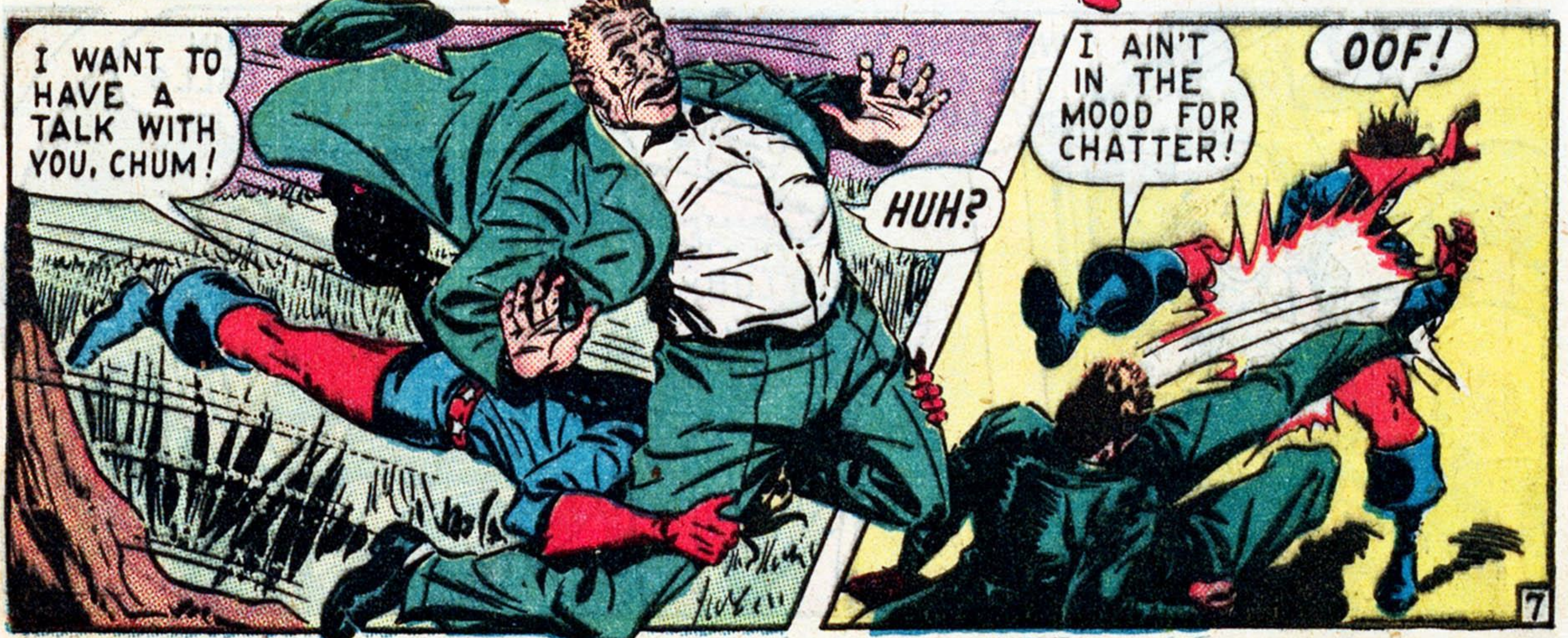
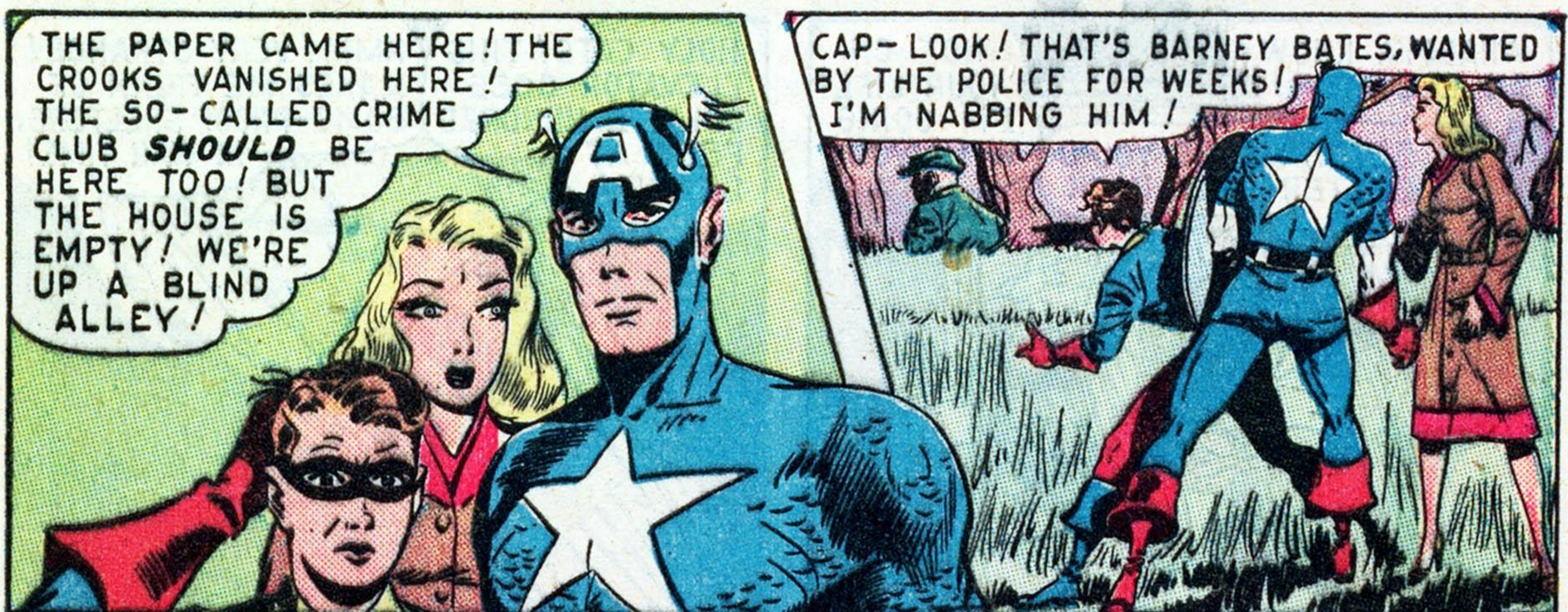
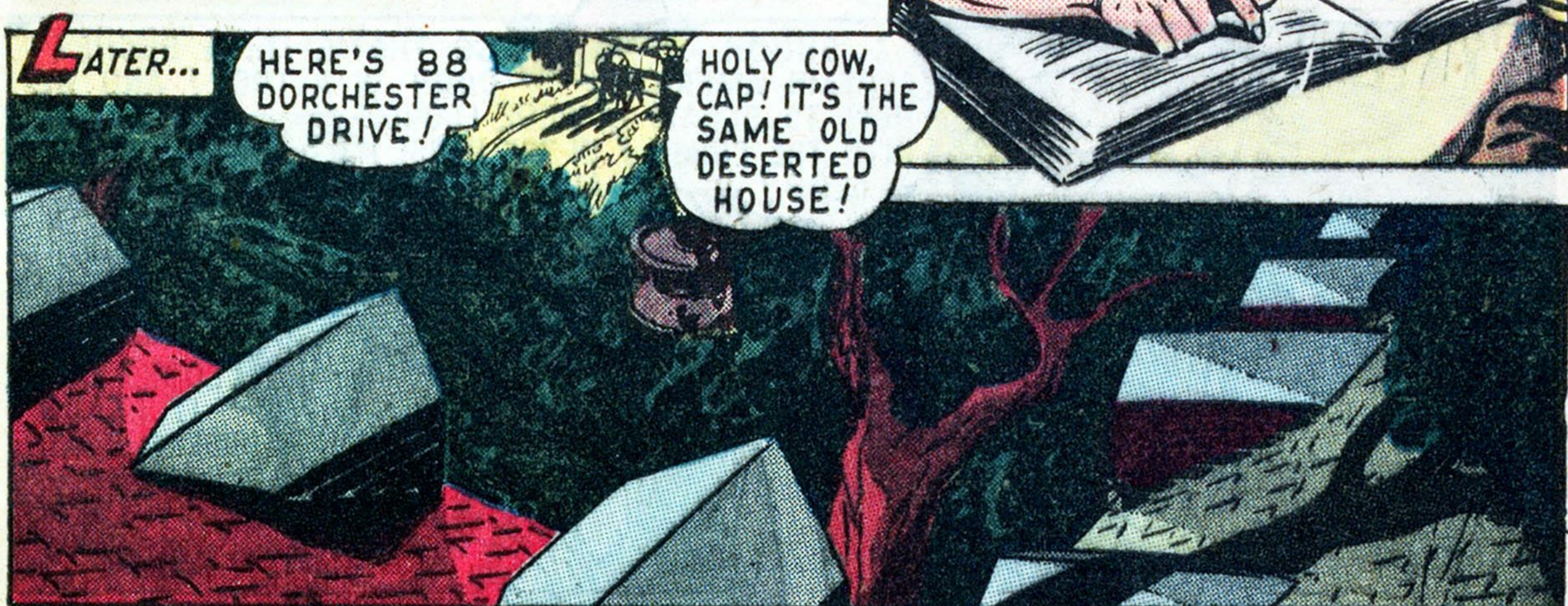
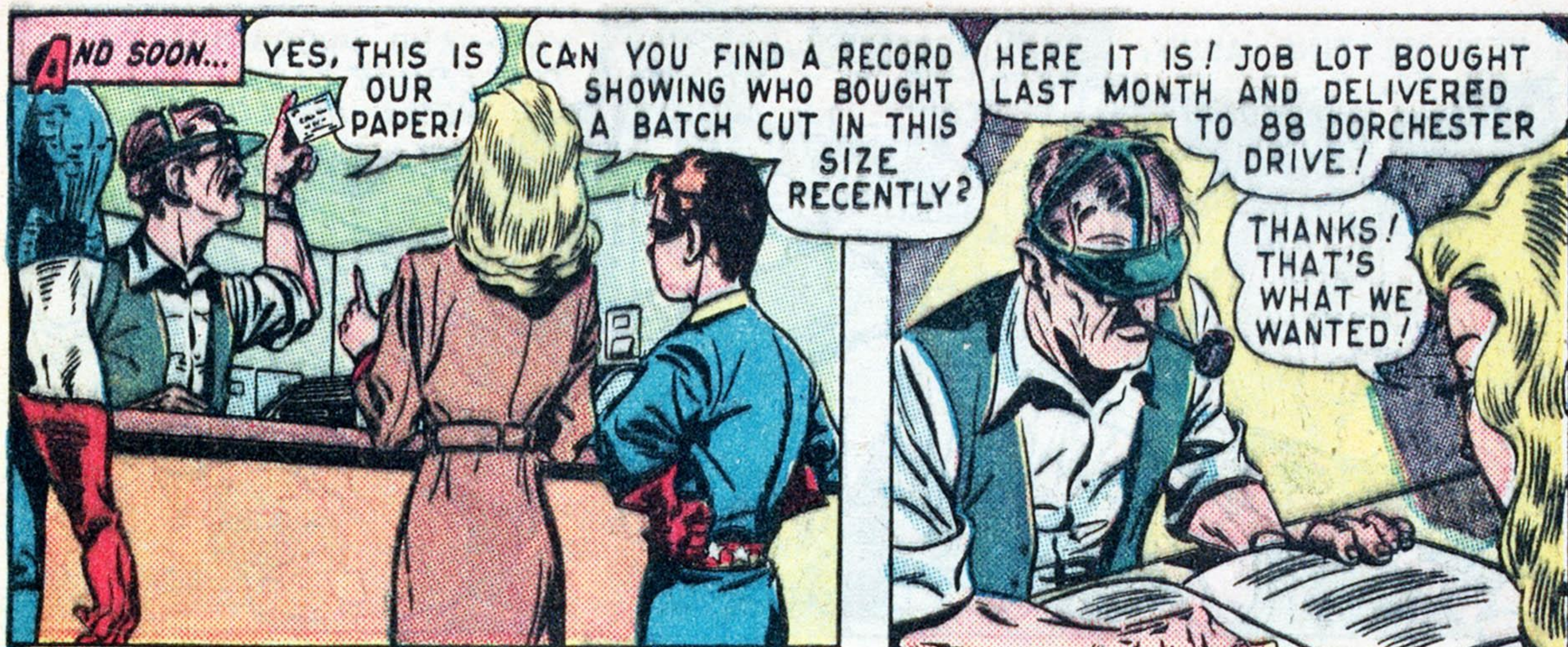
I DON'T KNOW! BUT **YOU** USED
TO WORK FOR THE F.B.I.! CAN
YOU SOMEHOW TRACE WHERE
THE PAPER
CAME FROM?

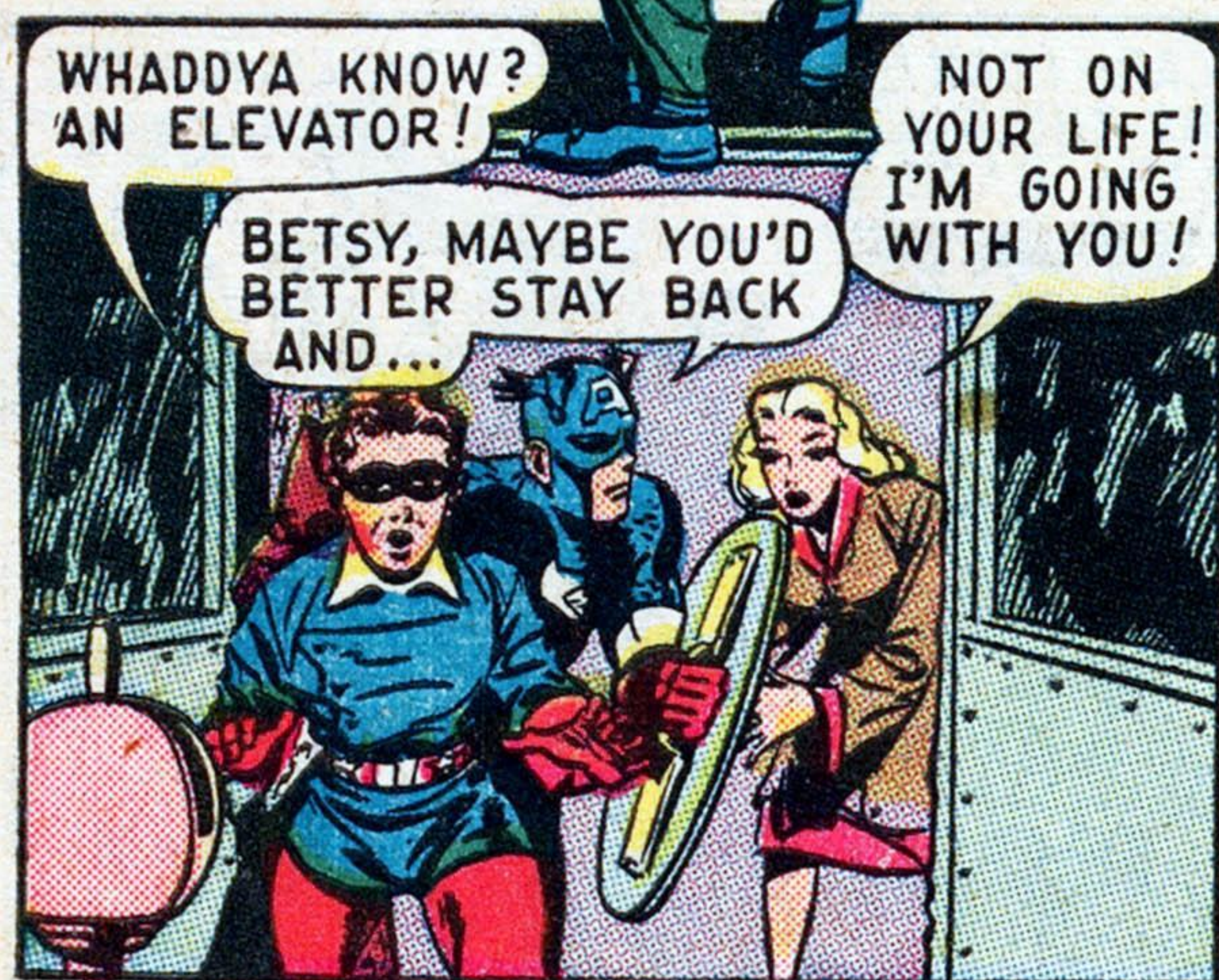
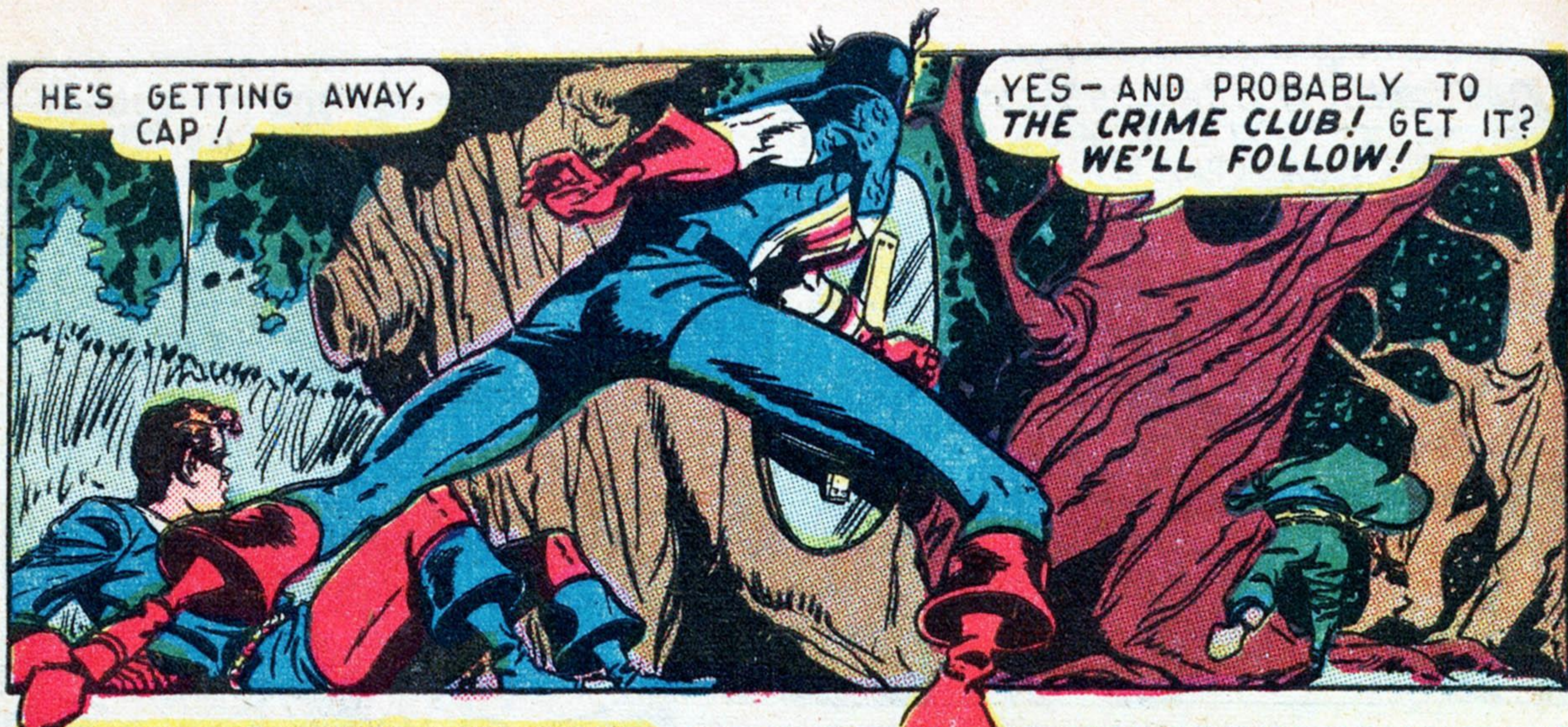
HMM! IT HAS A CRESCENT
WATERMARK, I NOTICED!
COME ON, WE'LL TRACK
IT DOWN!

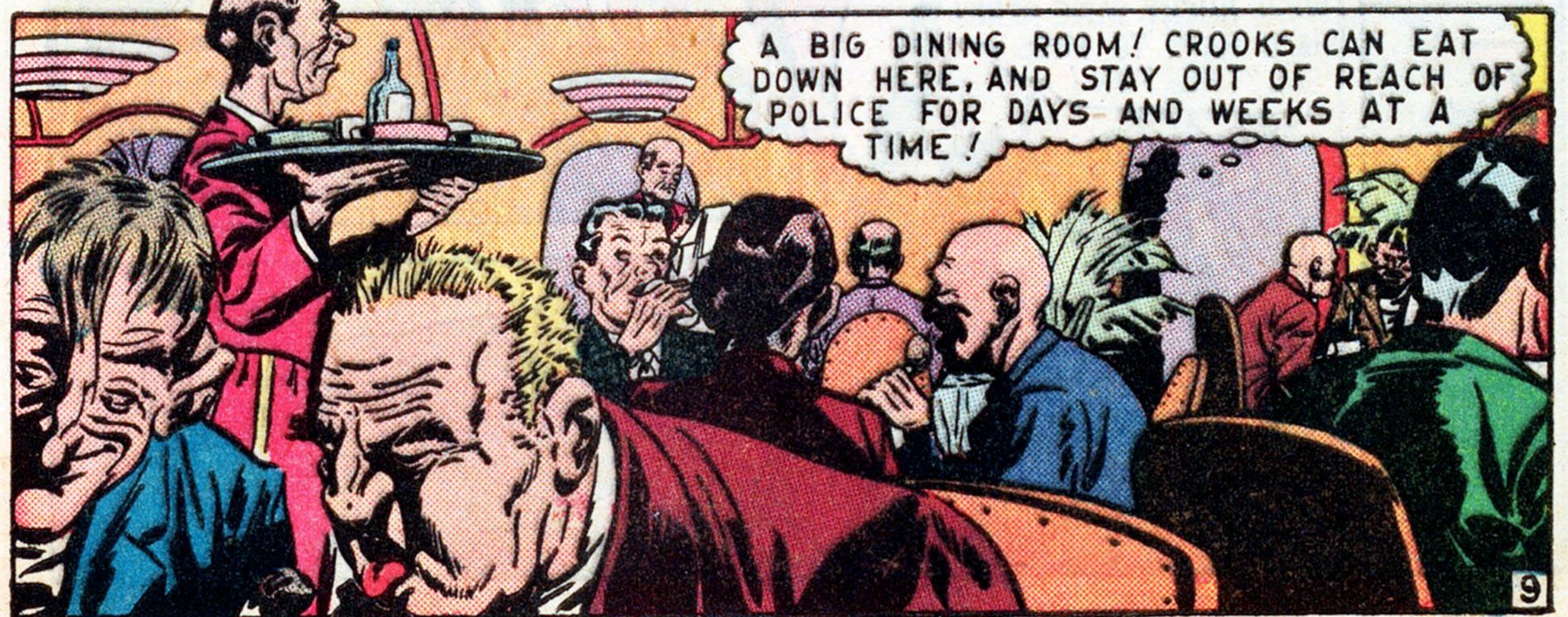
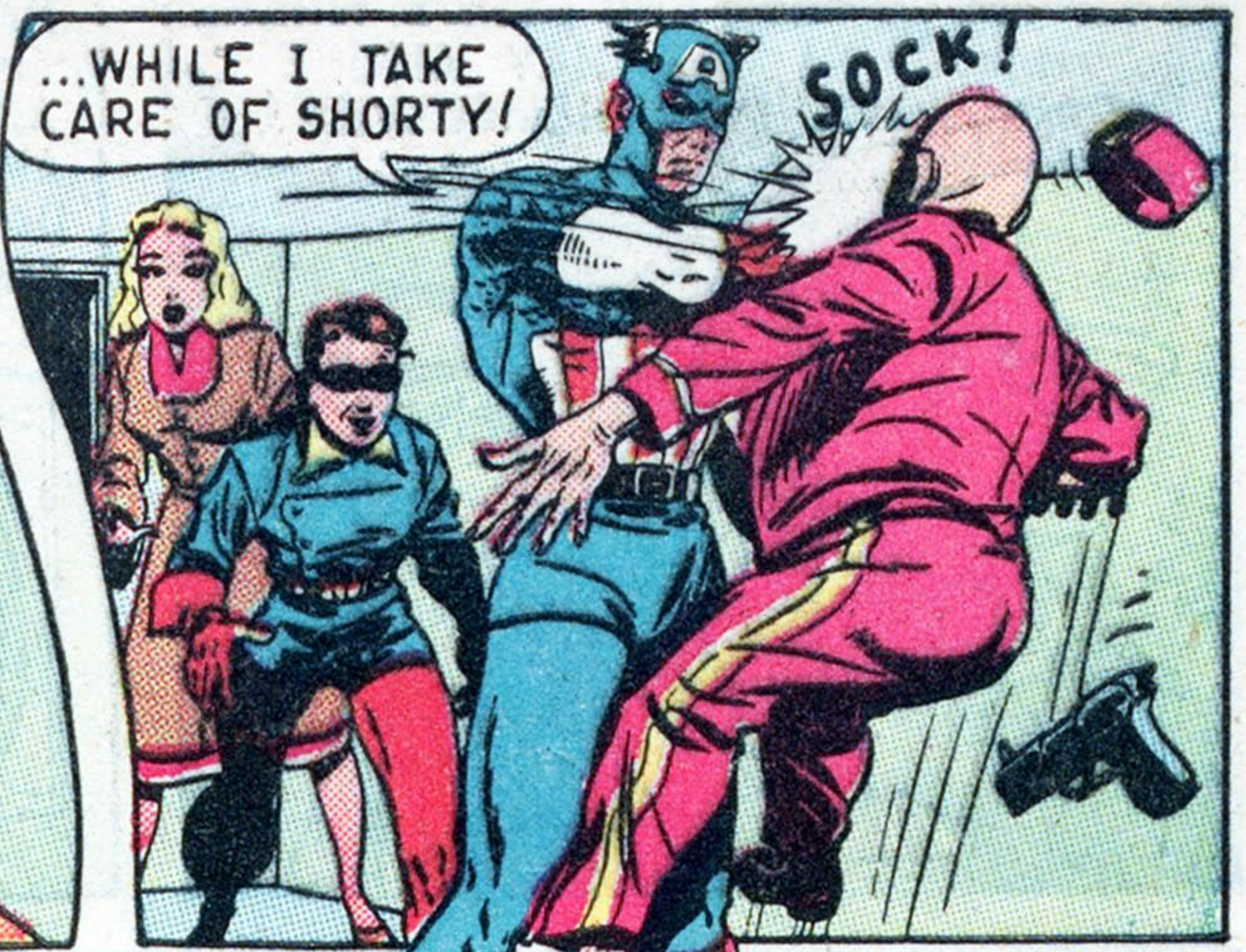


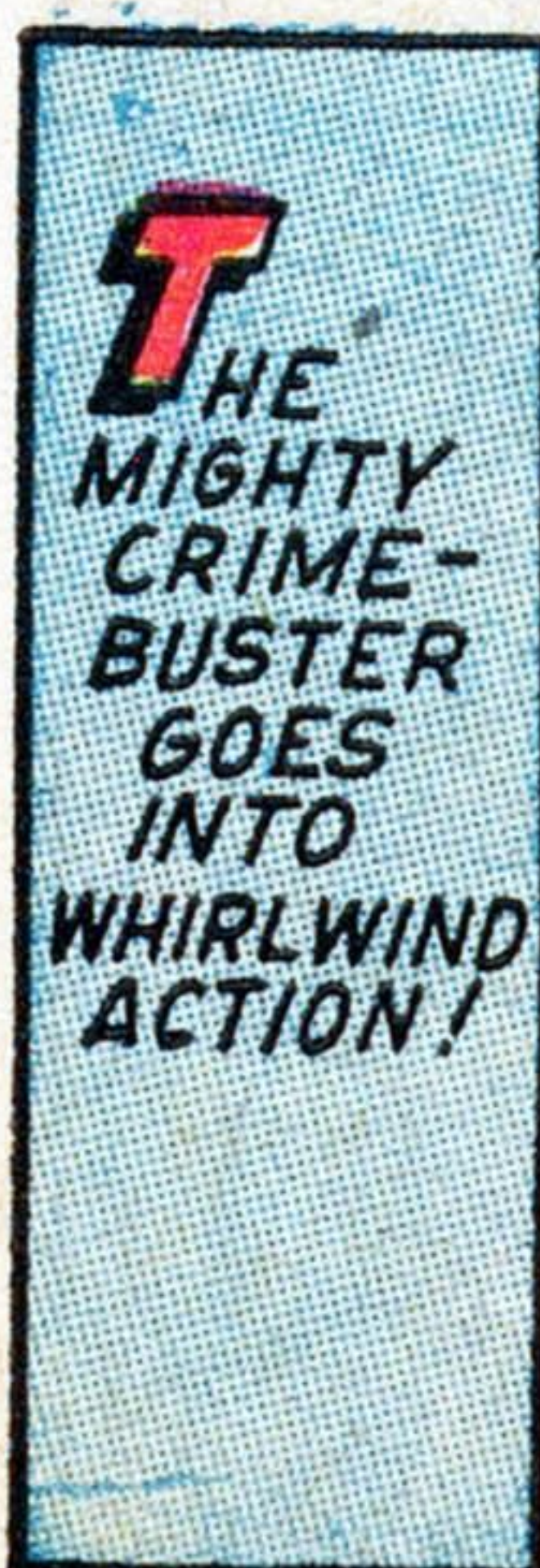
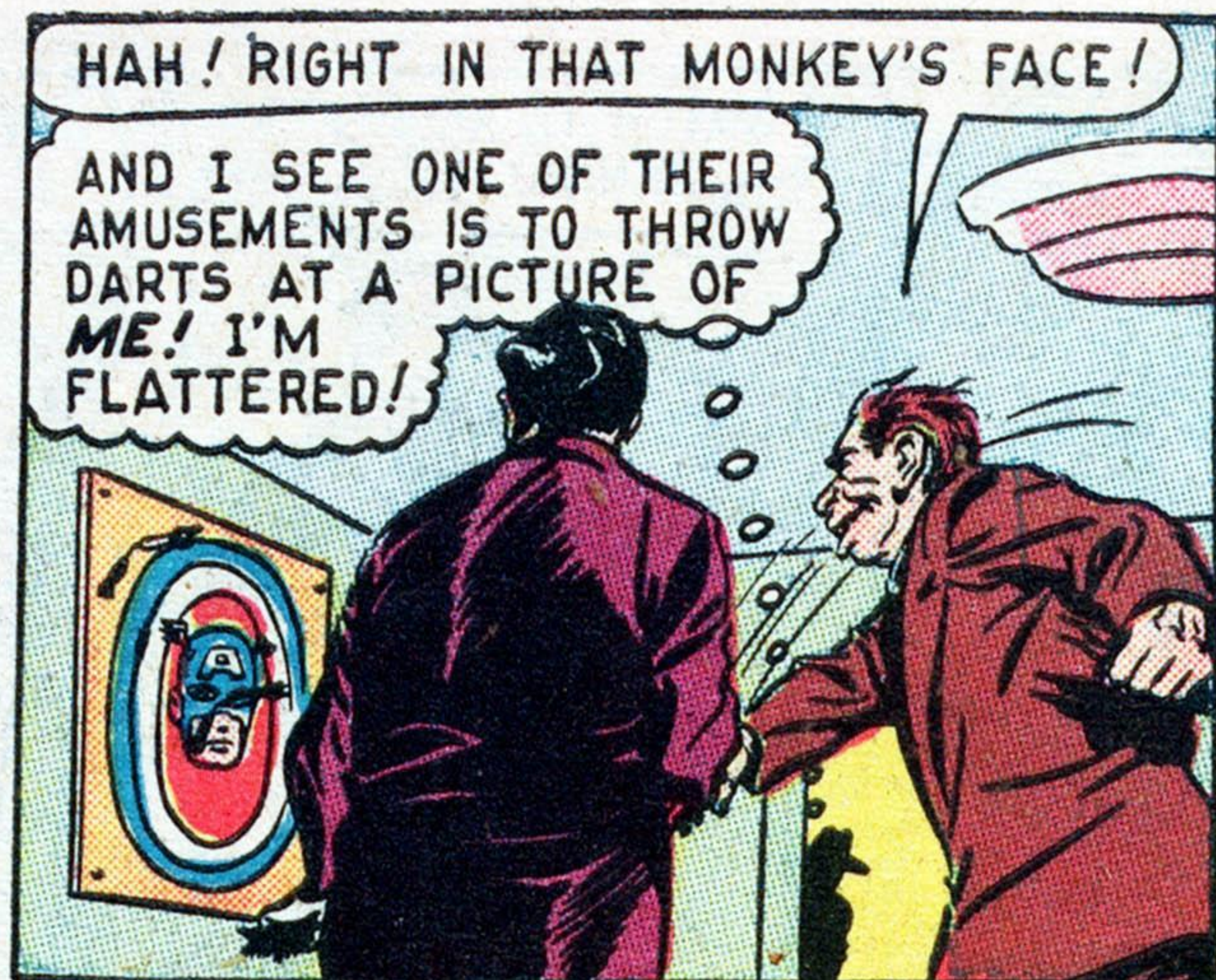
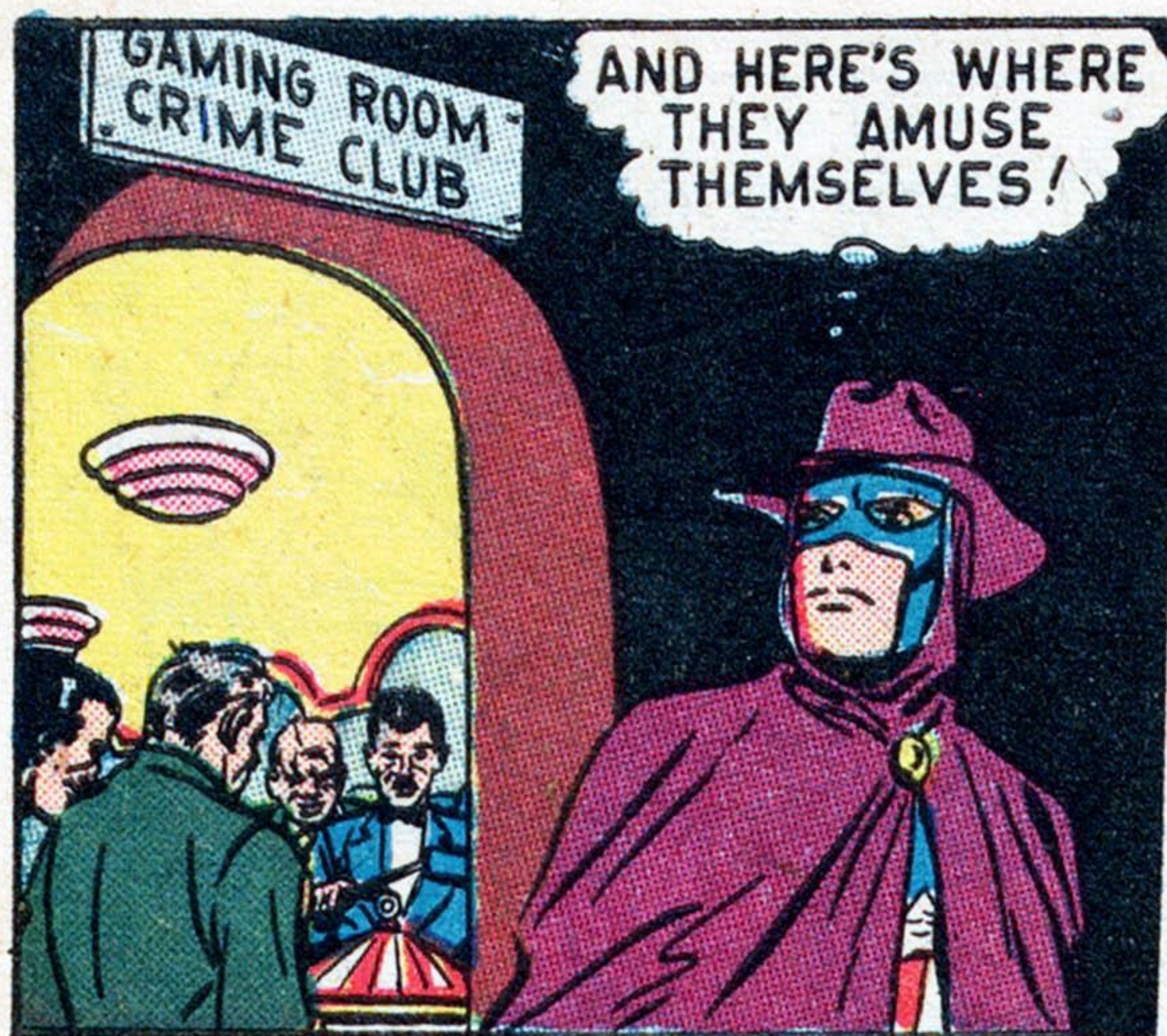
SOON... ONLY THE
PEERLESS
PAPER CO. USES THE
CRESCENT WATERMARK.
LUCKILY SOMEONE IS
WORKING LATE TONIGHT!
I'LL RING THE BELL!

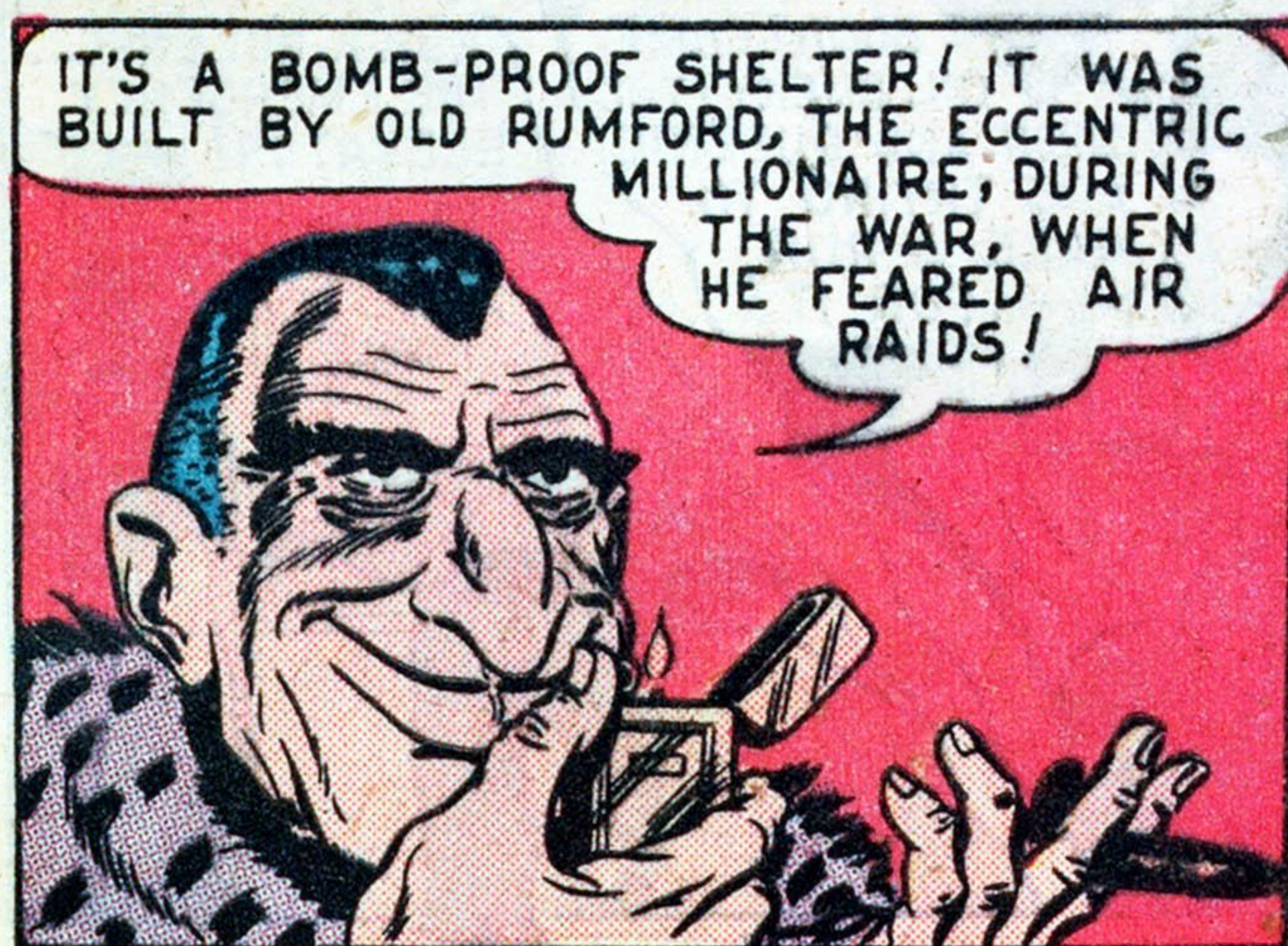
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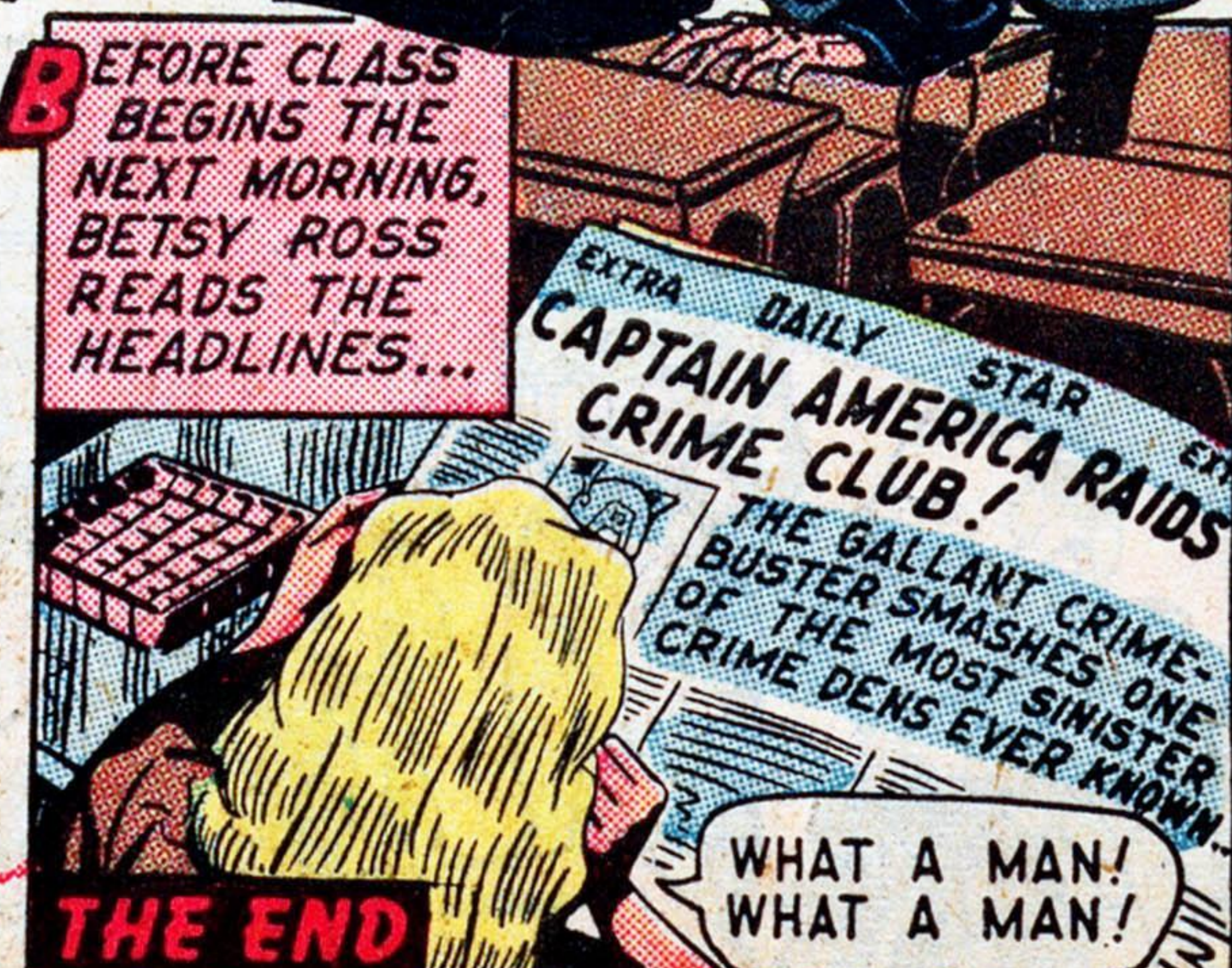
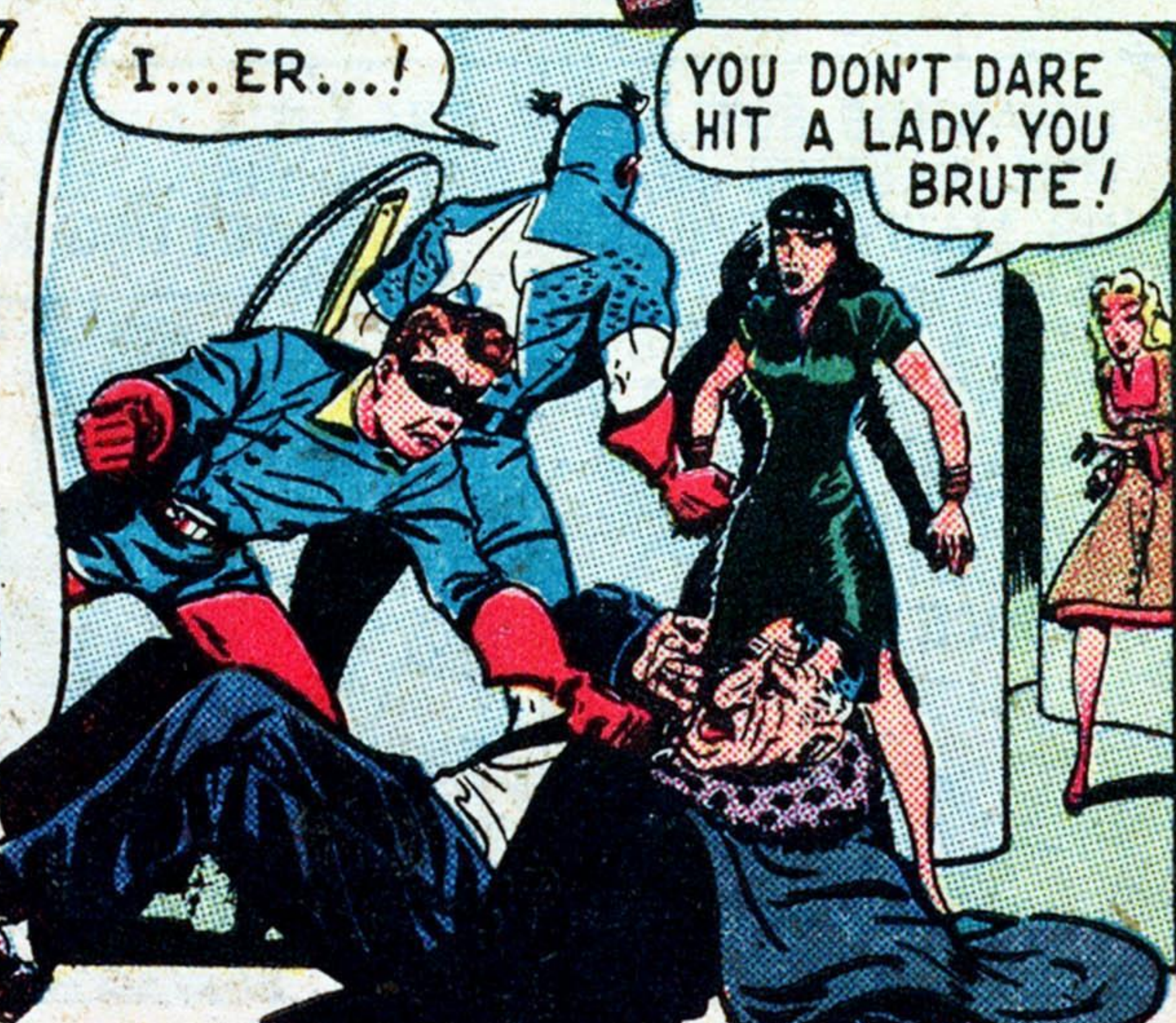
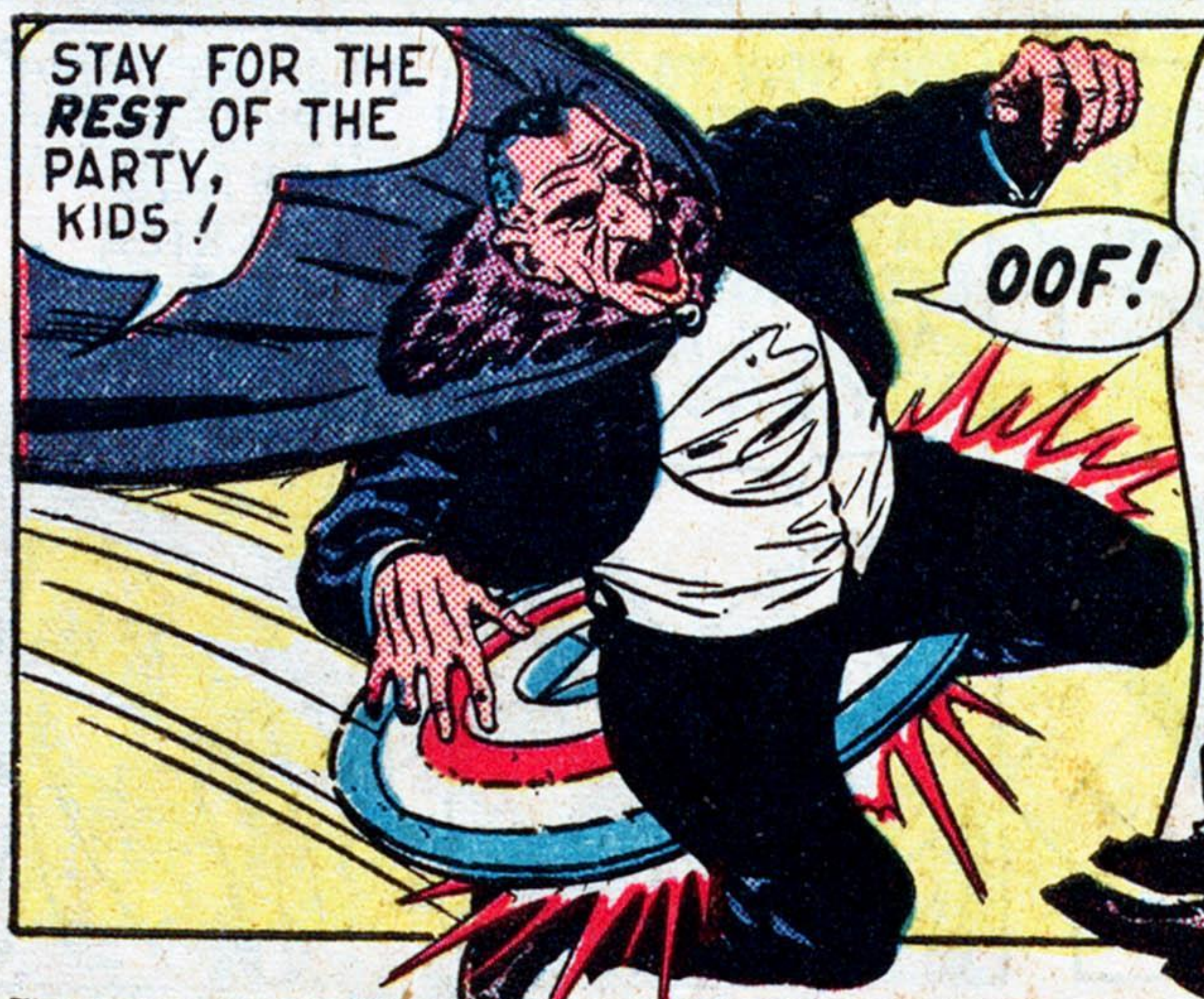
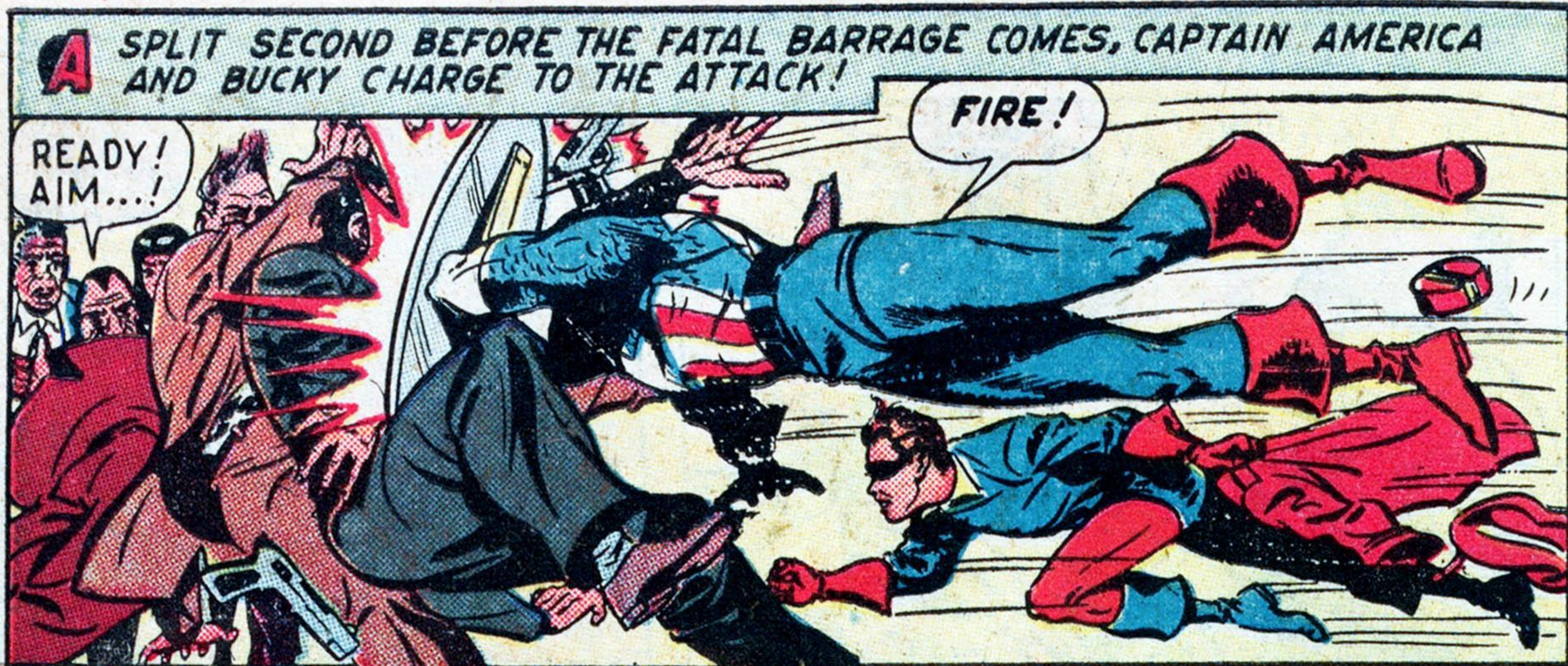








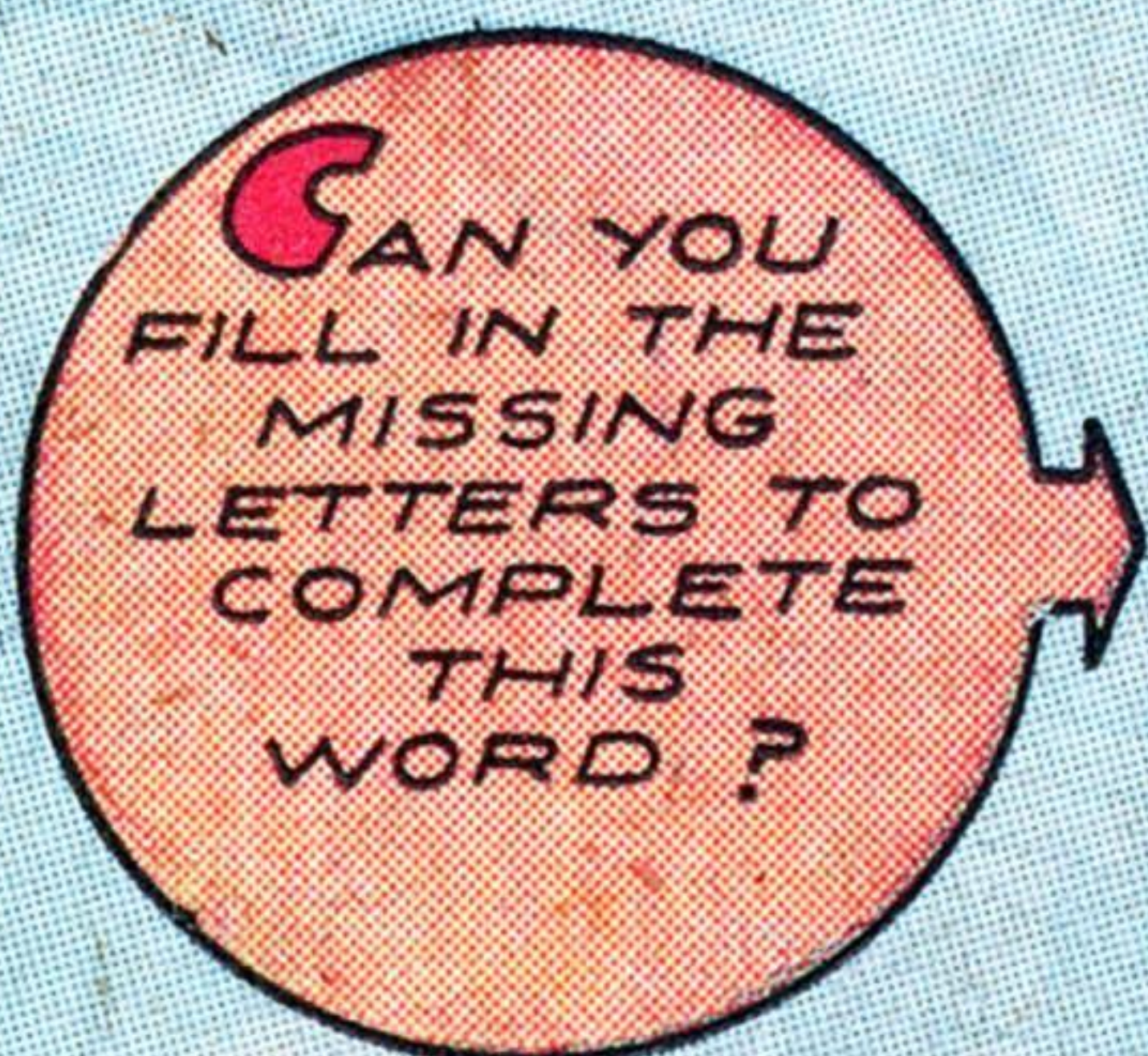






USING THE FOUR JUMBLED LETTERS IN THE CIRCLE, SEE IF YOU CAN PLACE FOUR WORDS IN THE BOXES

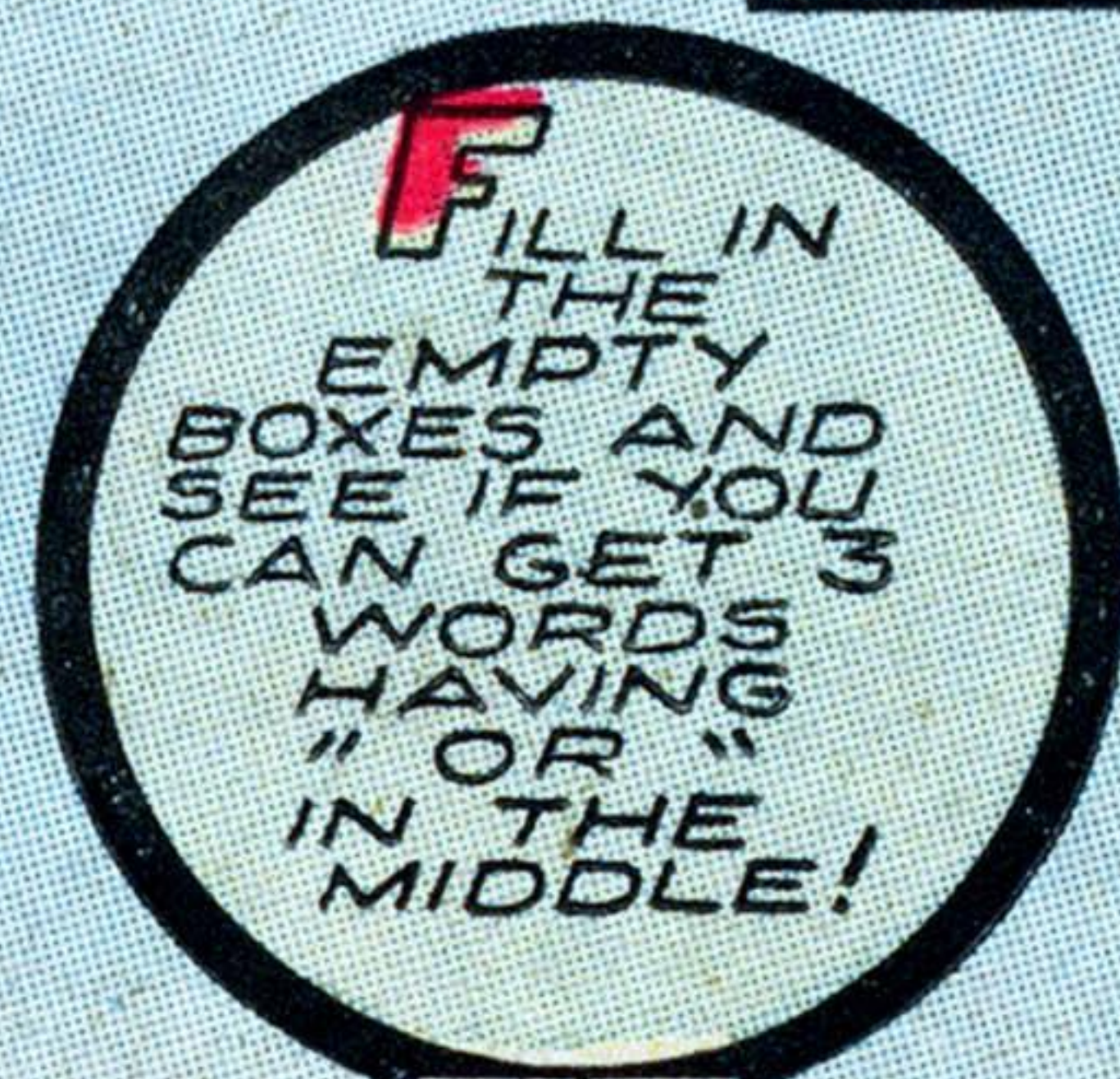
1.
2.
3.
4.



E
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E
E



CHANGE THE NUMBERS TO LETTERS AND SEE IF YOU CAN UNSCRAMBLE THE BOY'S NAME!
EXAMPLE: 1 IS A --
2 IS B -- 3 IS C ETC.



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		OR		

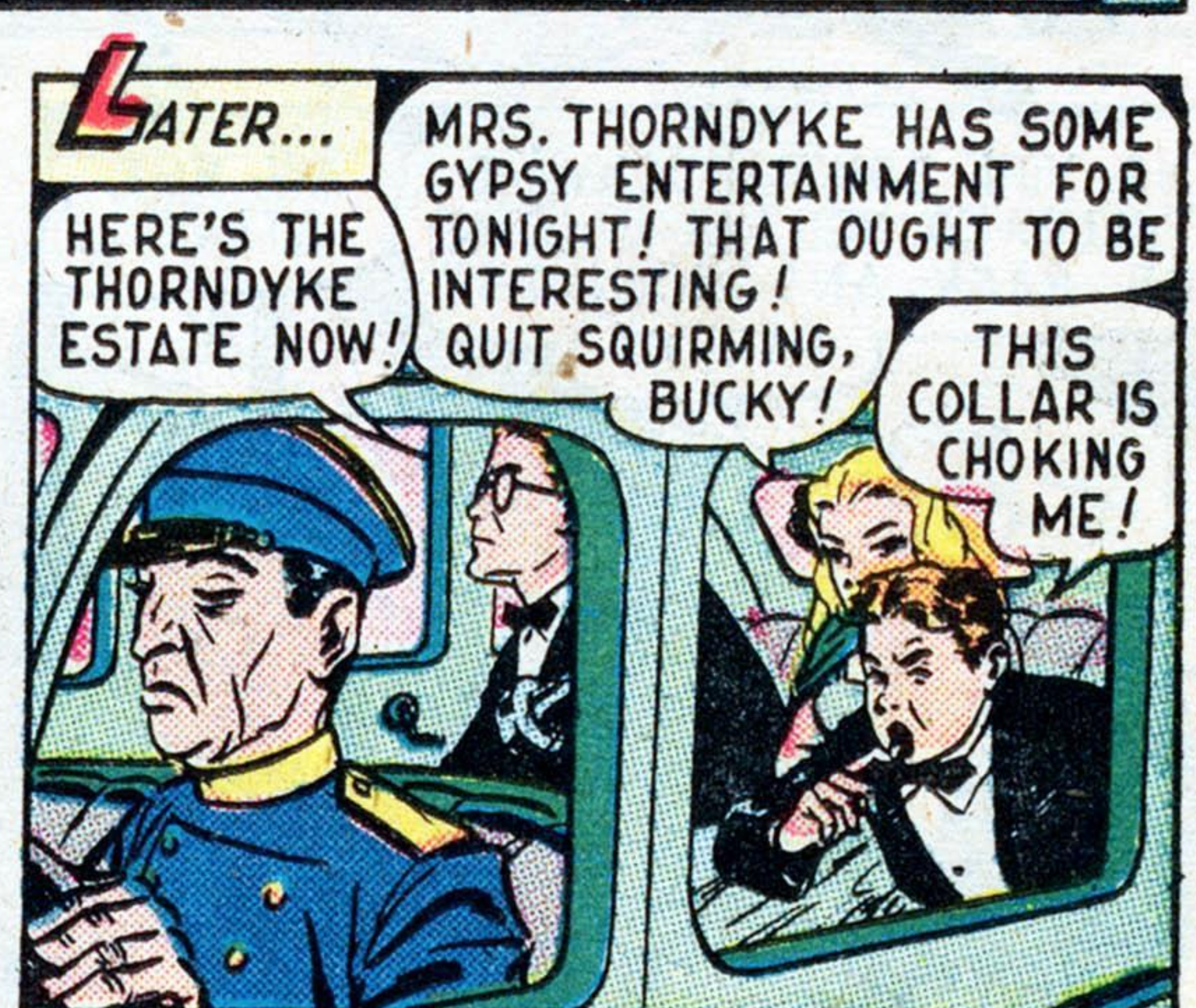
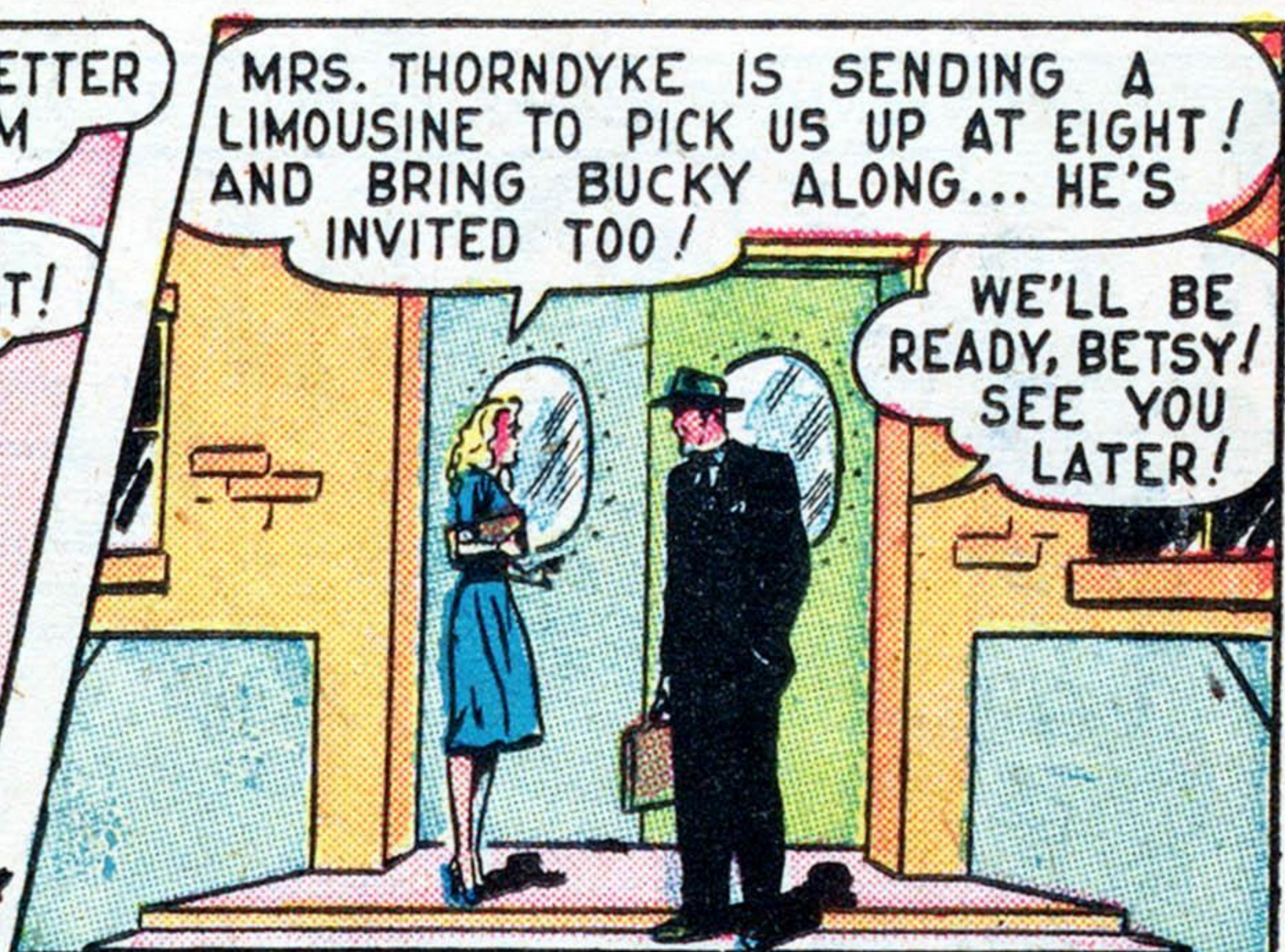
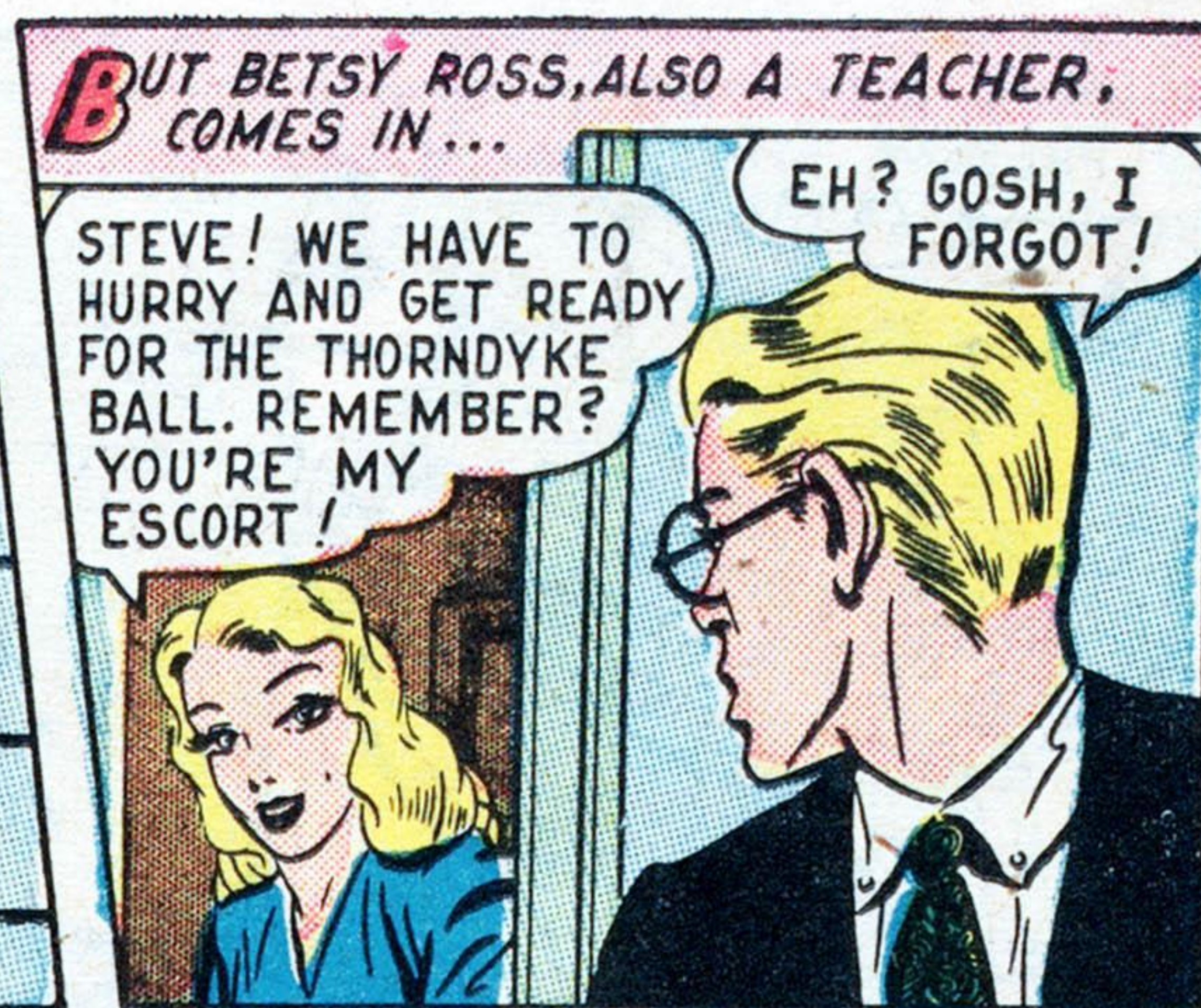
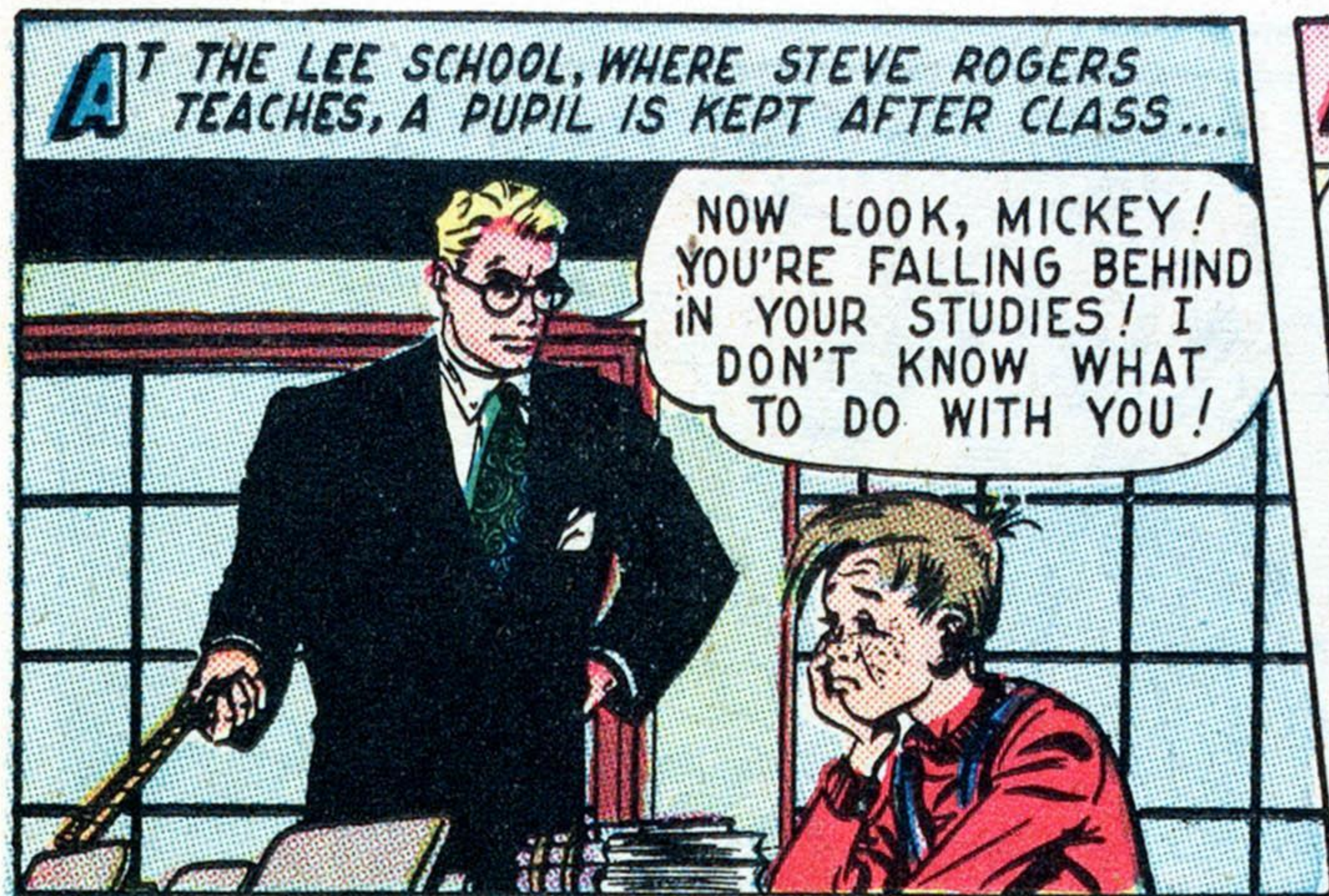


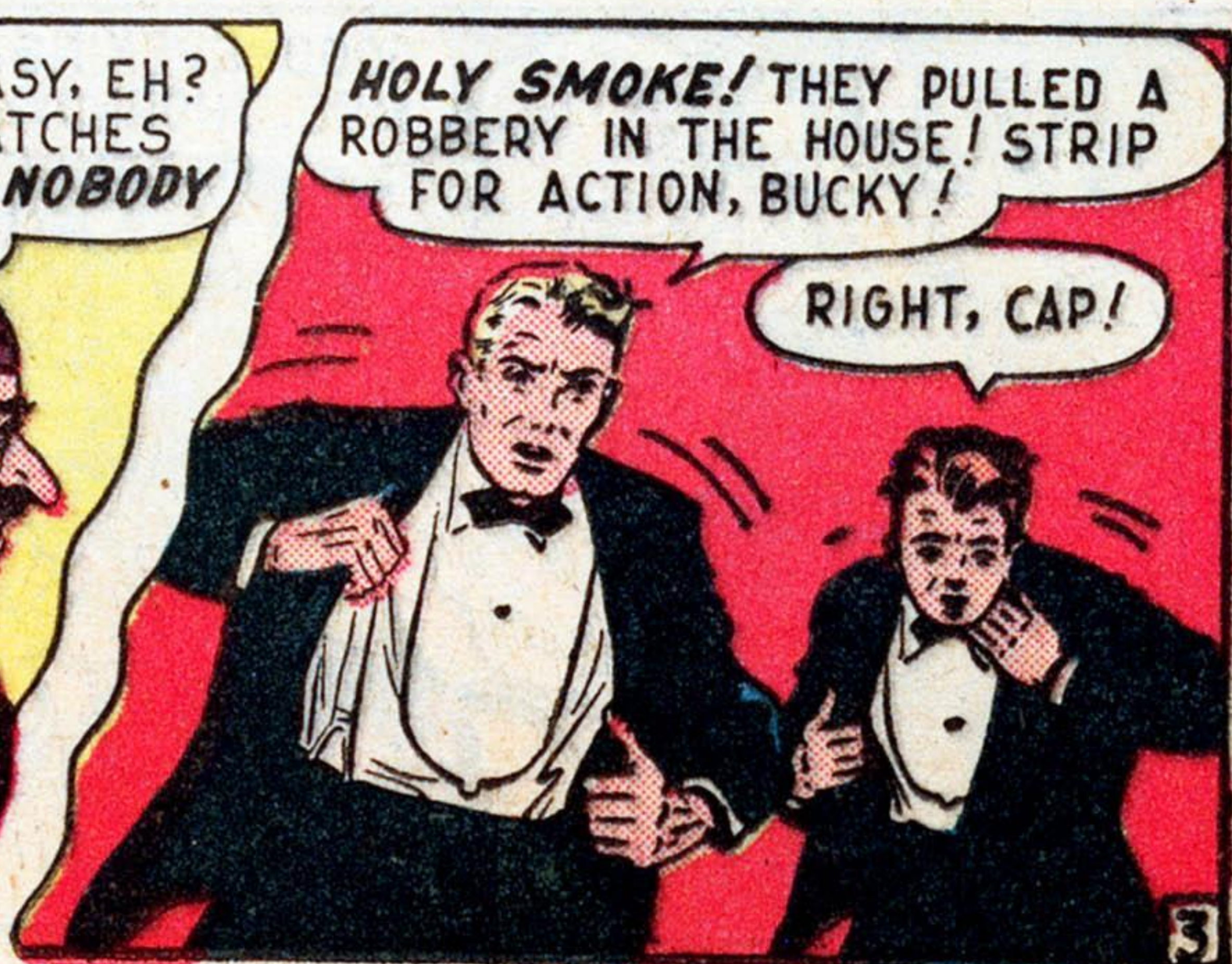
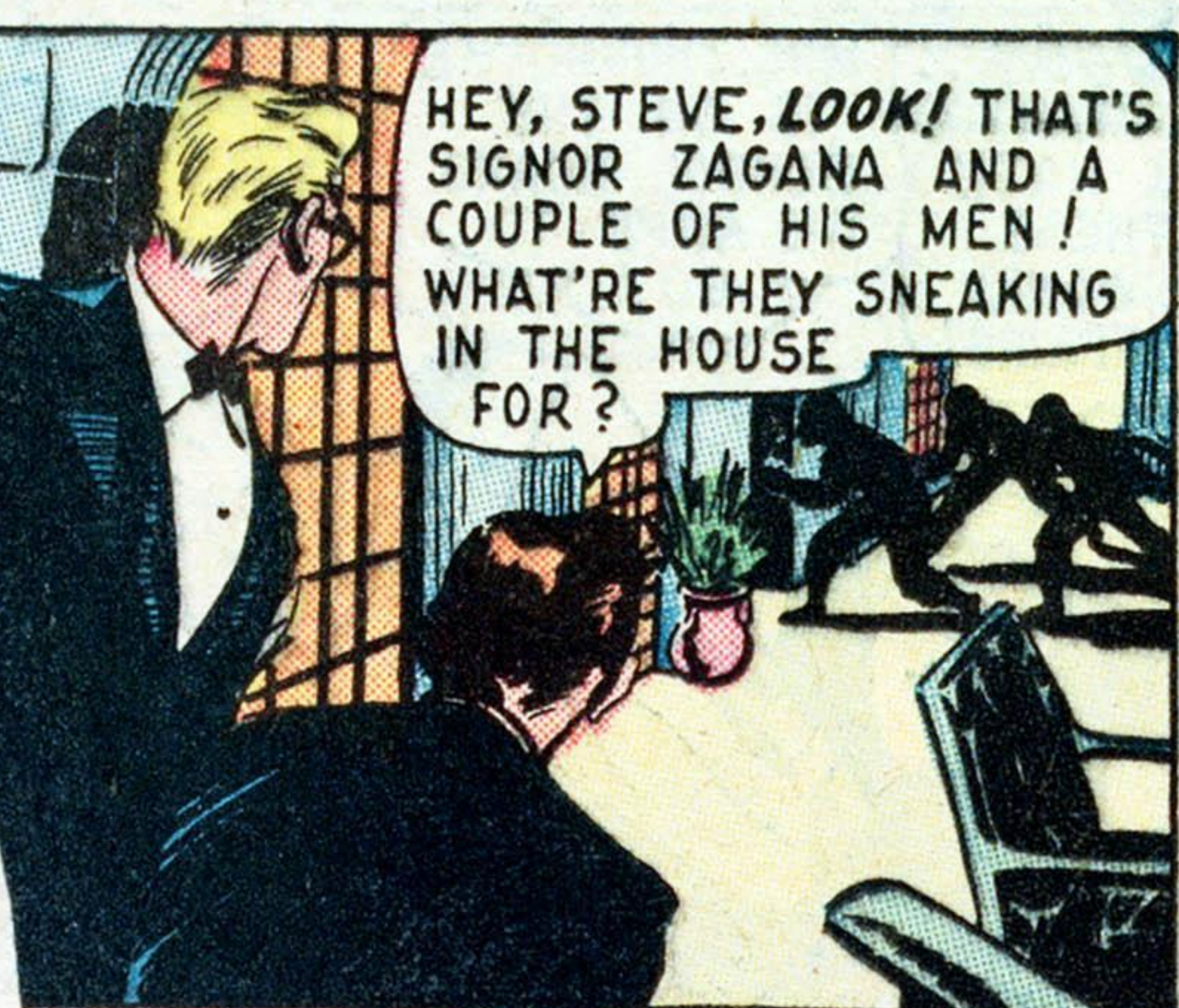
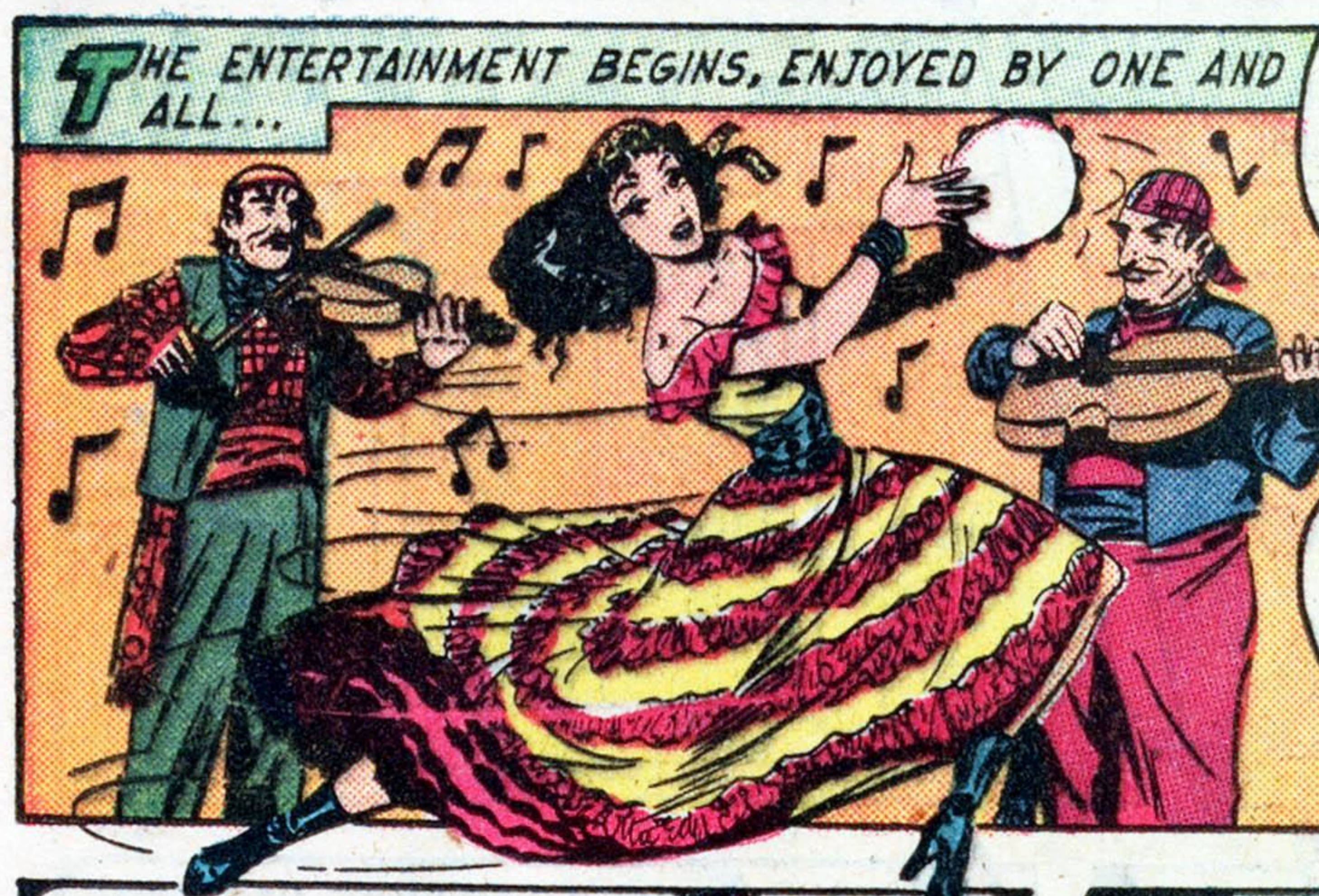
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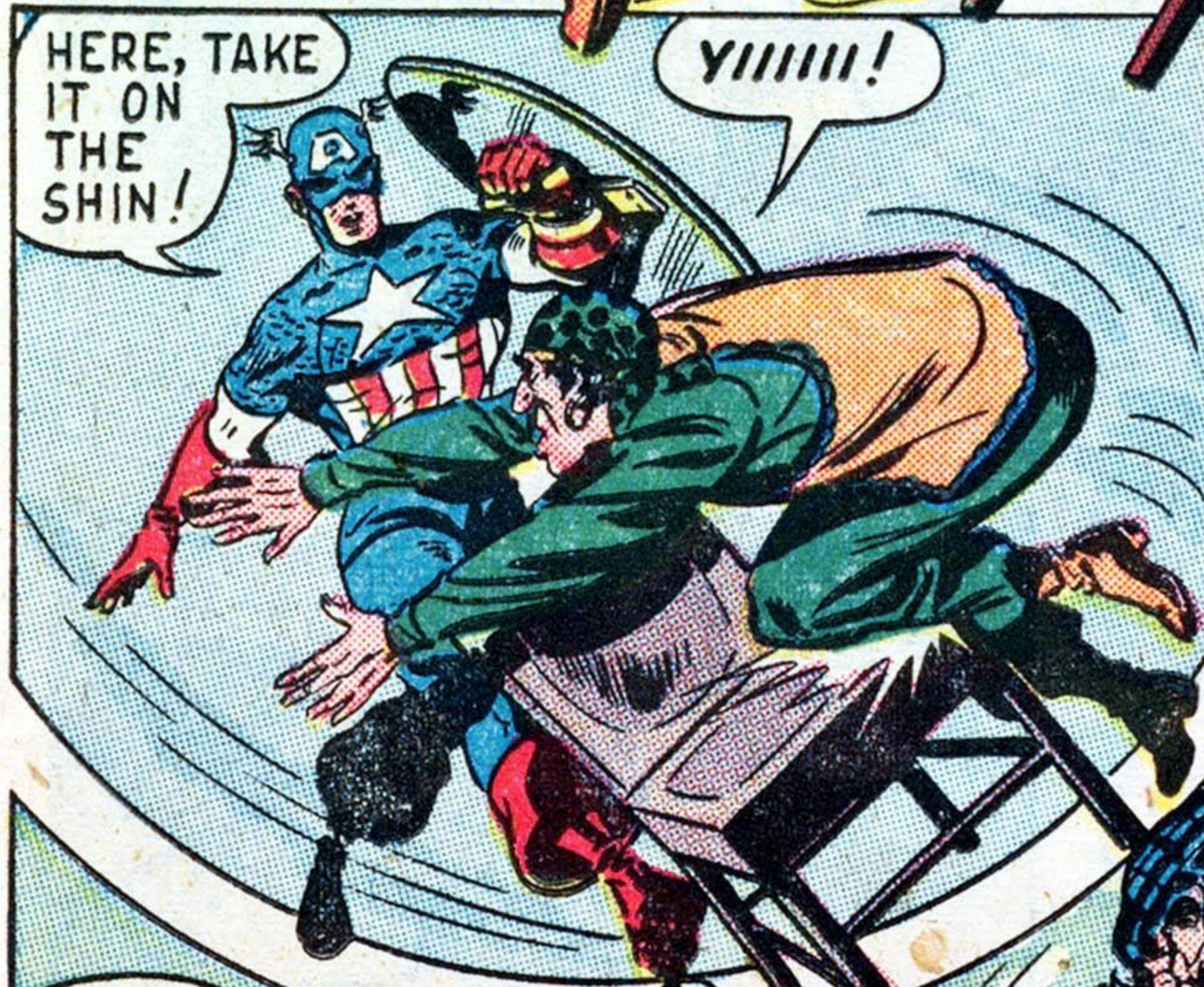
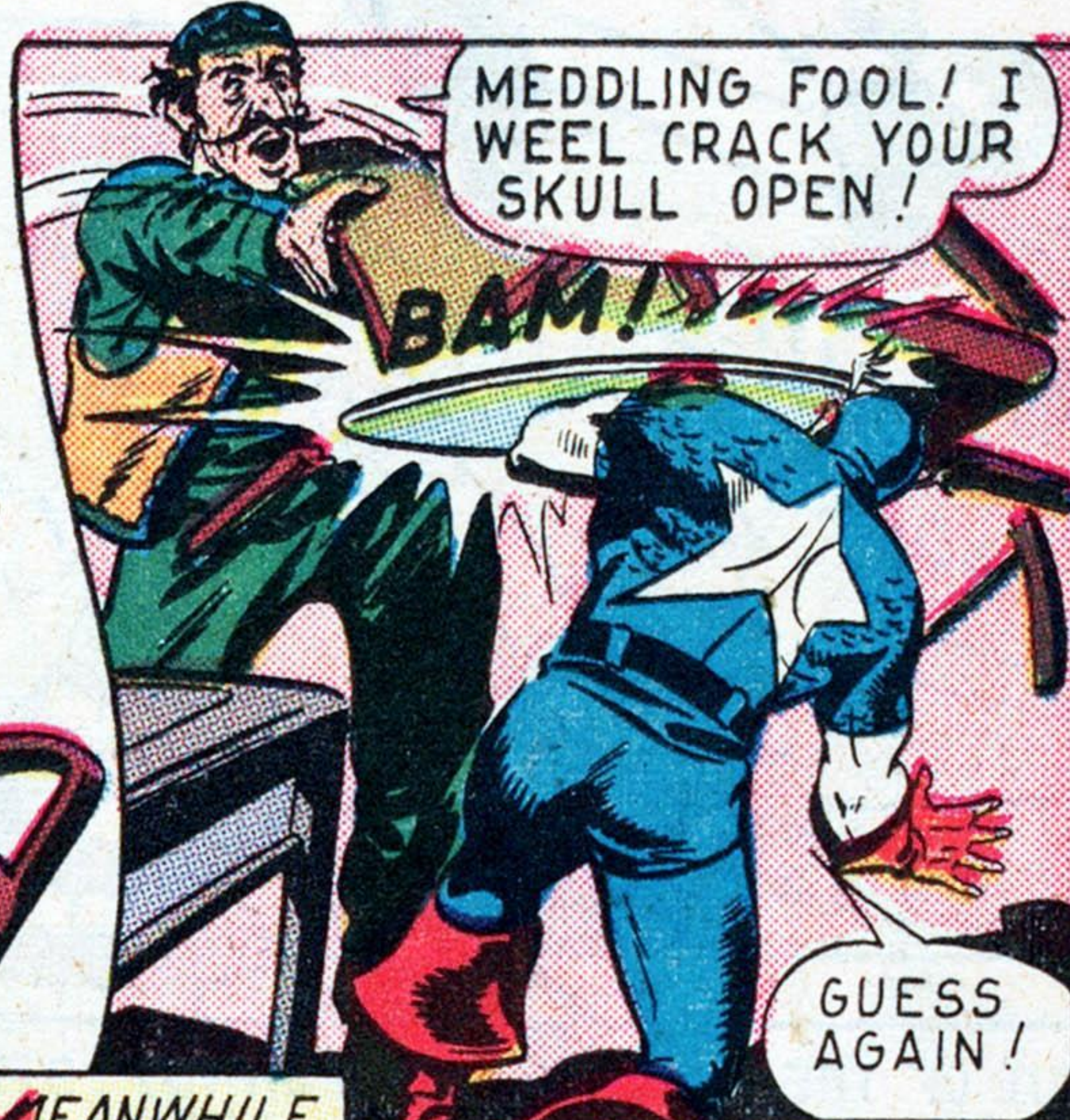
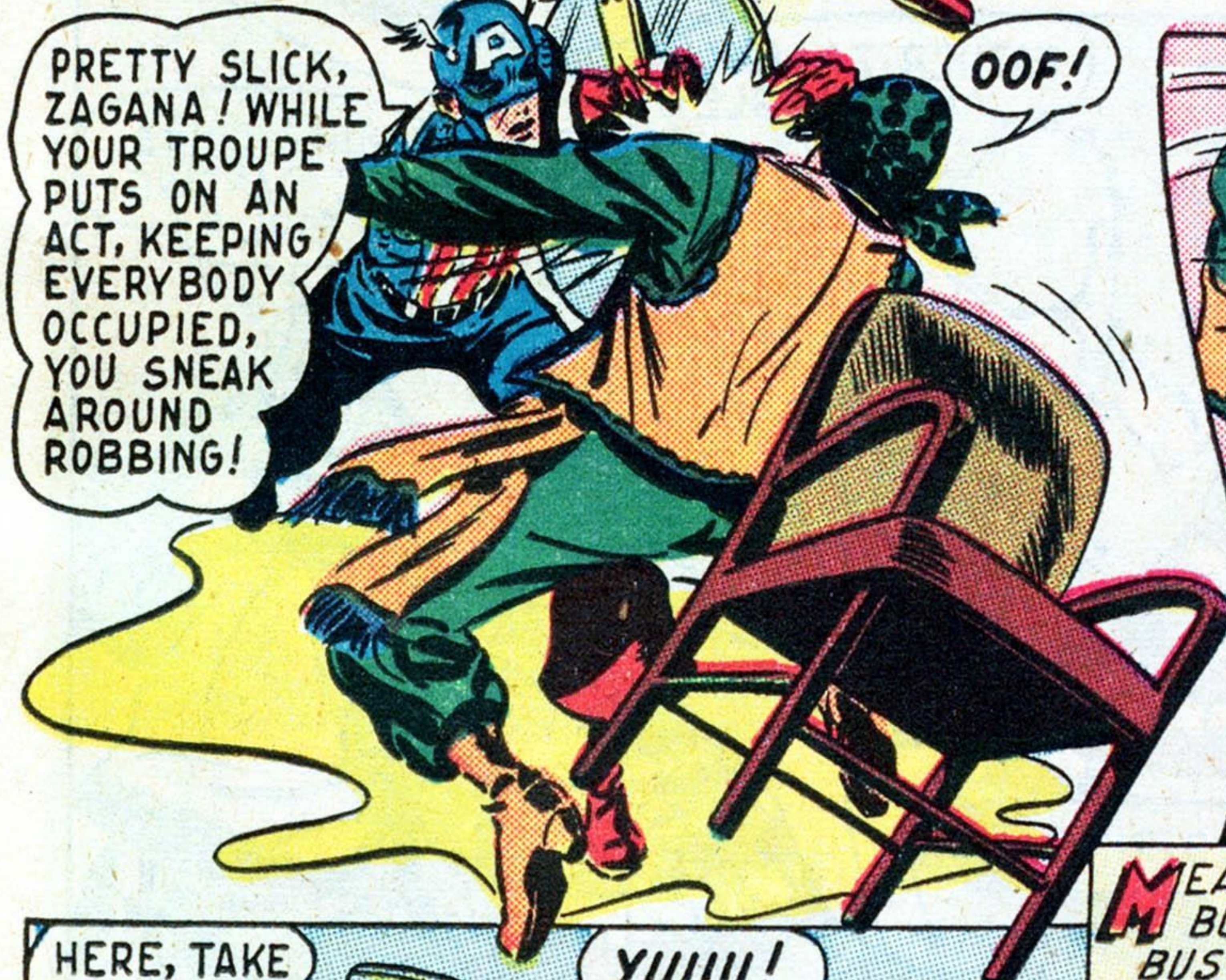
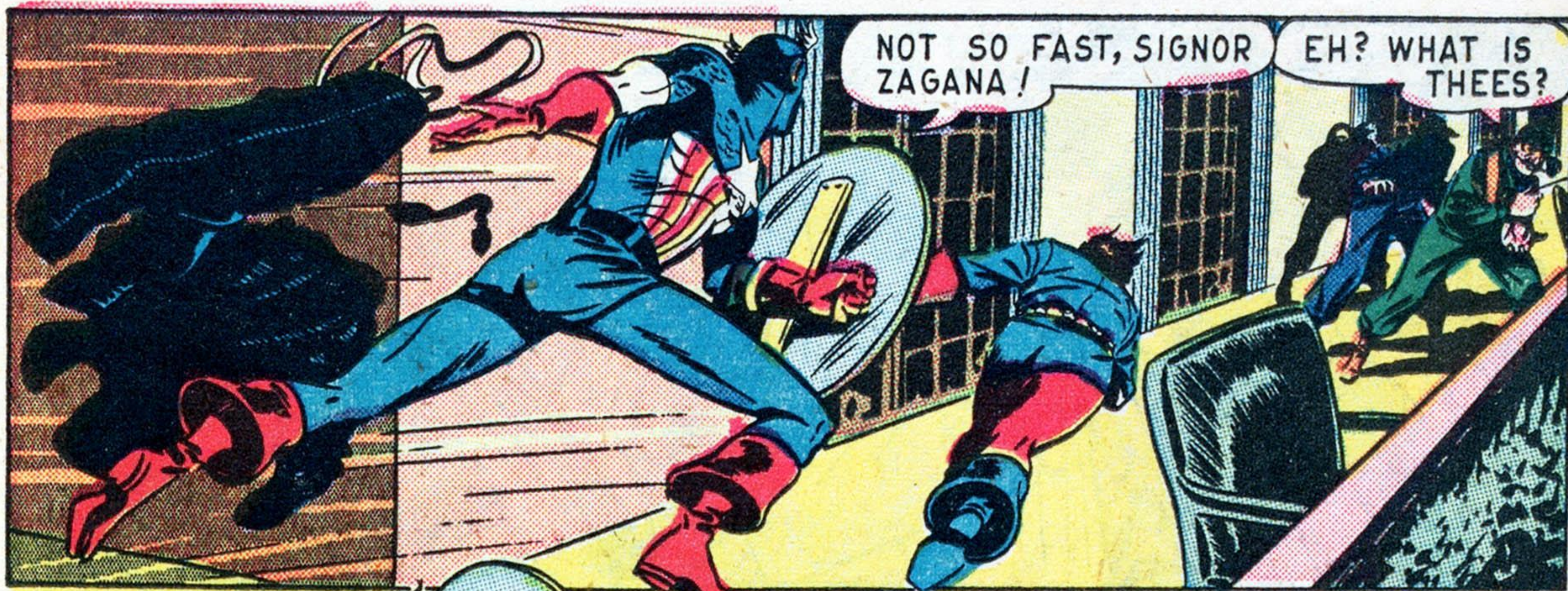


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The **DANCE of DEATH!**









AT THE SOUND OF THE MUSICAL NOTE, YOU'LL BE DOWN AND OUT!

PANIC-STRICKEN, FACING DEFEAT BY THE BATTLING PAIR, THE GYPSY LEADER NOW GIVES A STRANGE CALL!



AAAIIII!
OOOEEEE!

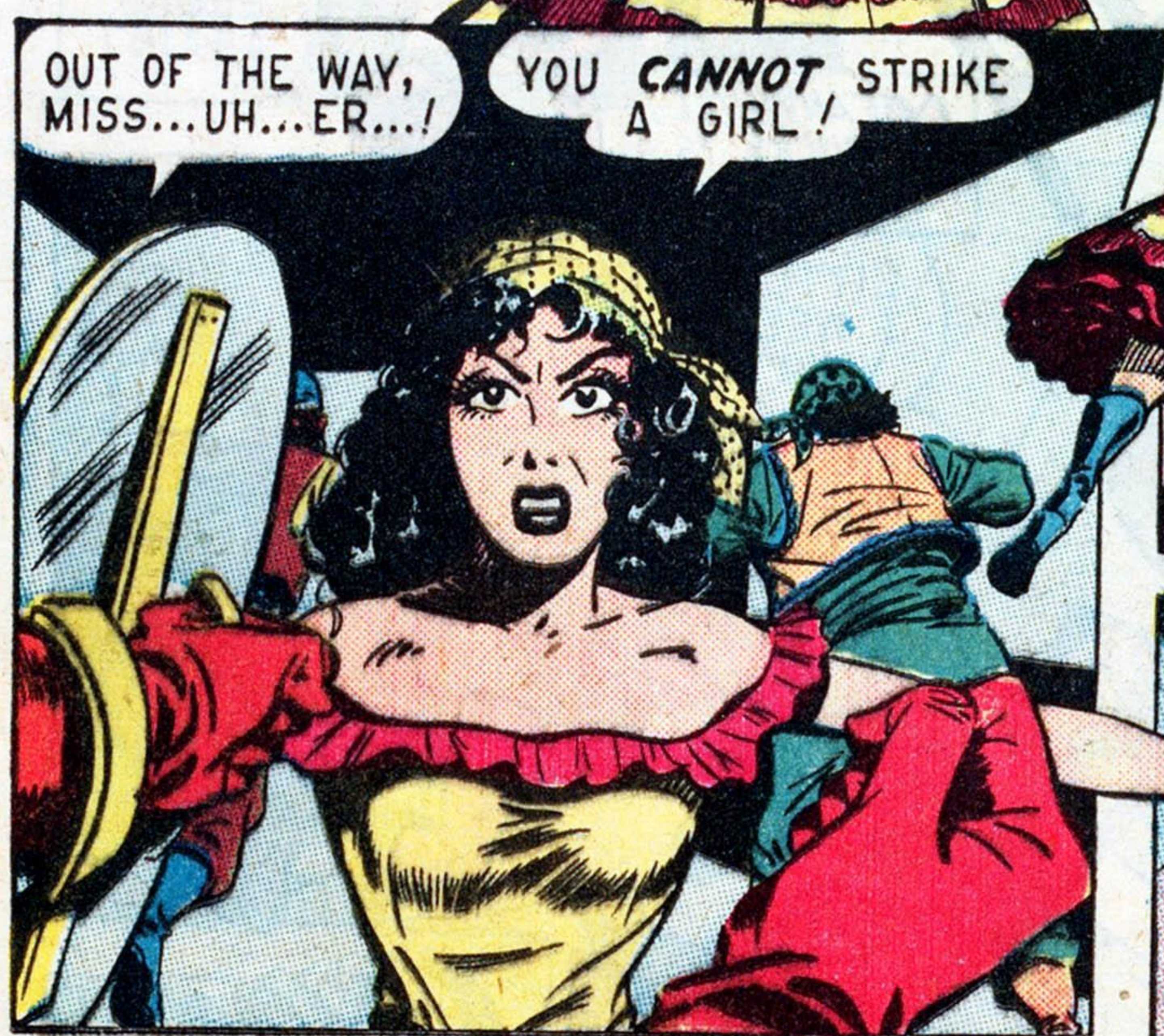


AAAIIII!
OOOEEEE!

FATHER ZAGANA...
IN TROUBLE!
HURRY,
HITCH UP THE
WAGON,
WHILE I
HASTEN
TO HIM!

LET MY
FATHER
ALONE,
YOU BIG
BULLY!

HUH? TINKA,
THE DANCING
GIRL!



OUT OF THE WAY,
MISS...UH...ER...!

YOU **CANNOT** STRIKE
A GIRL!



GOT AWAY!

WHEN CAPTAIN AMERICA FINALLY DODGES AROUND THE GIRL...

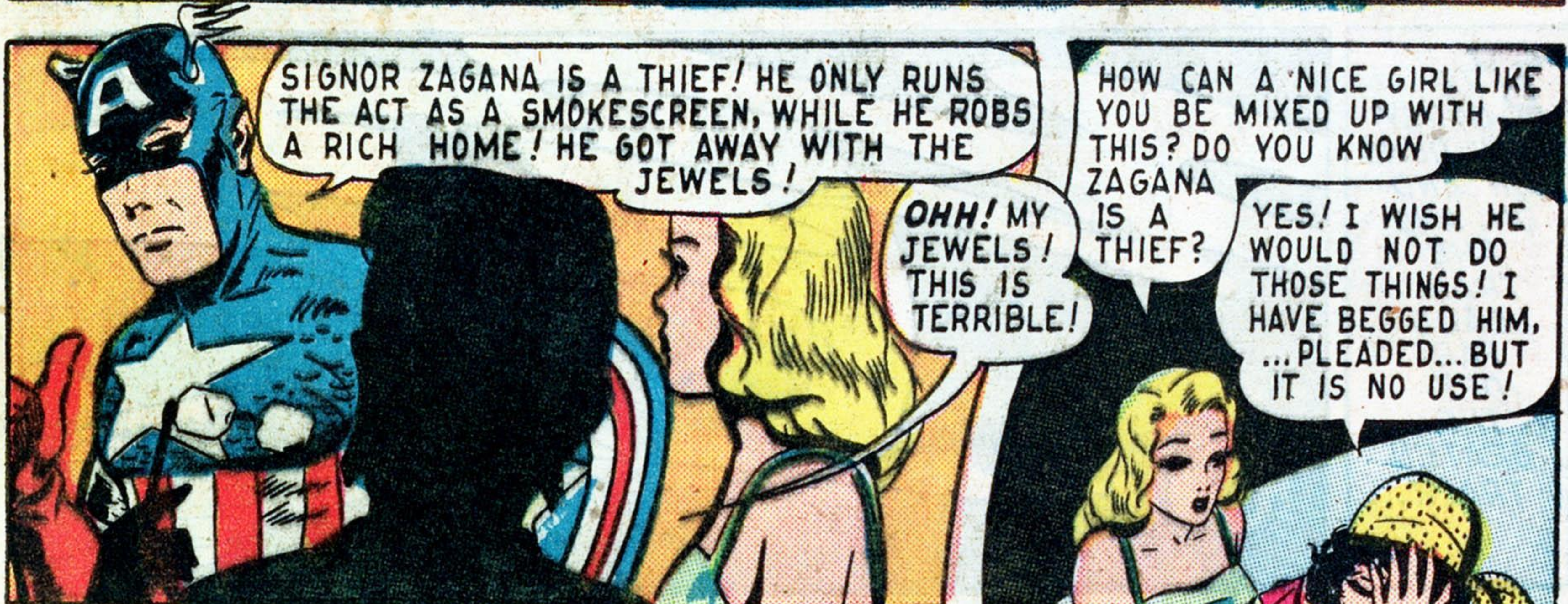


GIDDAP!
AWAY!



THEY ALL GOT AWAY EXCEPT TINKA HERE! THE COWARDS, RUNNING AND LEAVING HER BEHIND TO FACE THE MUSIC!

CAPTAIN AMERICA! WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

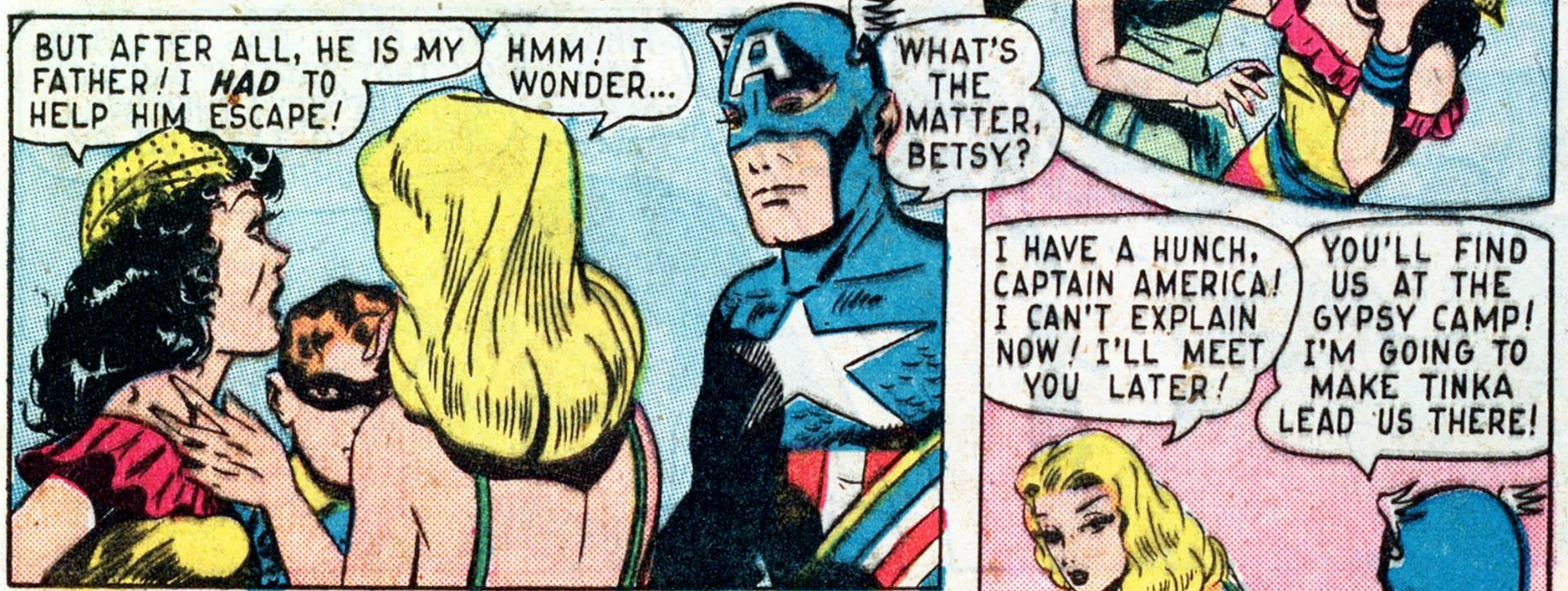


SIGNOR ZAGANA IS A THIEF! HE ONLY RUNS THE ACT AS A SMOKE SCREEN, WHILE HE ROBS A RICH HOME! HE GOT AWAY WITH THE JEWELS!

HOW CAN A NICE GIRL LIKE YOU BE MIXED UP WITH THIS? DO YOU KNOW ZAGANA IS A THIEF?

OHH! MY JEWELS! THIS IS TERRIBLE!

YES! I WISH HE WOULD NOT DO THOSE THINGS! I HAVE BEGGED HIM, ...PLEADED... BUT IT IS NO USE!



BUT AFTER ALL, HE IS MY FATHER! I *HAD* TO HELP HIM ESCAPE!

HMM! I WONDER...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, BETSY?

I HAVE A HUNCH, CAPTAIN AMERICA! I CAN'T EXPLAIN NOW! I'LL MEET YOU LATER!

YOU'LL FIND US AT THE GYPSY CAMP! I'M GOING TO MAKE TINKA LEAD US THERE!



BUT AFTER WEARY MINUTES...

YES, I KNOW WHERE MY FATHER WILL MAKE CAMP NEXT! BUT I WILL *NOT* LEAD YOU THERE!

NO USE, CAP! SHE'S TOO STUBBORN, AND LOYAL!

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, BUCKY... *OOPS!* I TRIPPED!

HEY, CAP, OF ALL THE CLUMSY-- *UGH!*



TINKA'S GONE!

SURE, BUCKY! JUST WHAT I WANTED!



DON'T YOU GET IT, BUCKY? WHERE WILL SHE GO NOW?

GOSH, CAP. THAT WAS USING THE OLD BEAN!

THE GYPSY GIRL RUNS ON AND ON, AND THE TRAIL LEADS FAR OFF THE BEATEN TRACK...



FINALLY...

HERE'S THEIR CAMP! SHE LED US RIGHT TO IT!

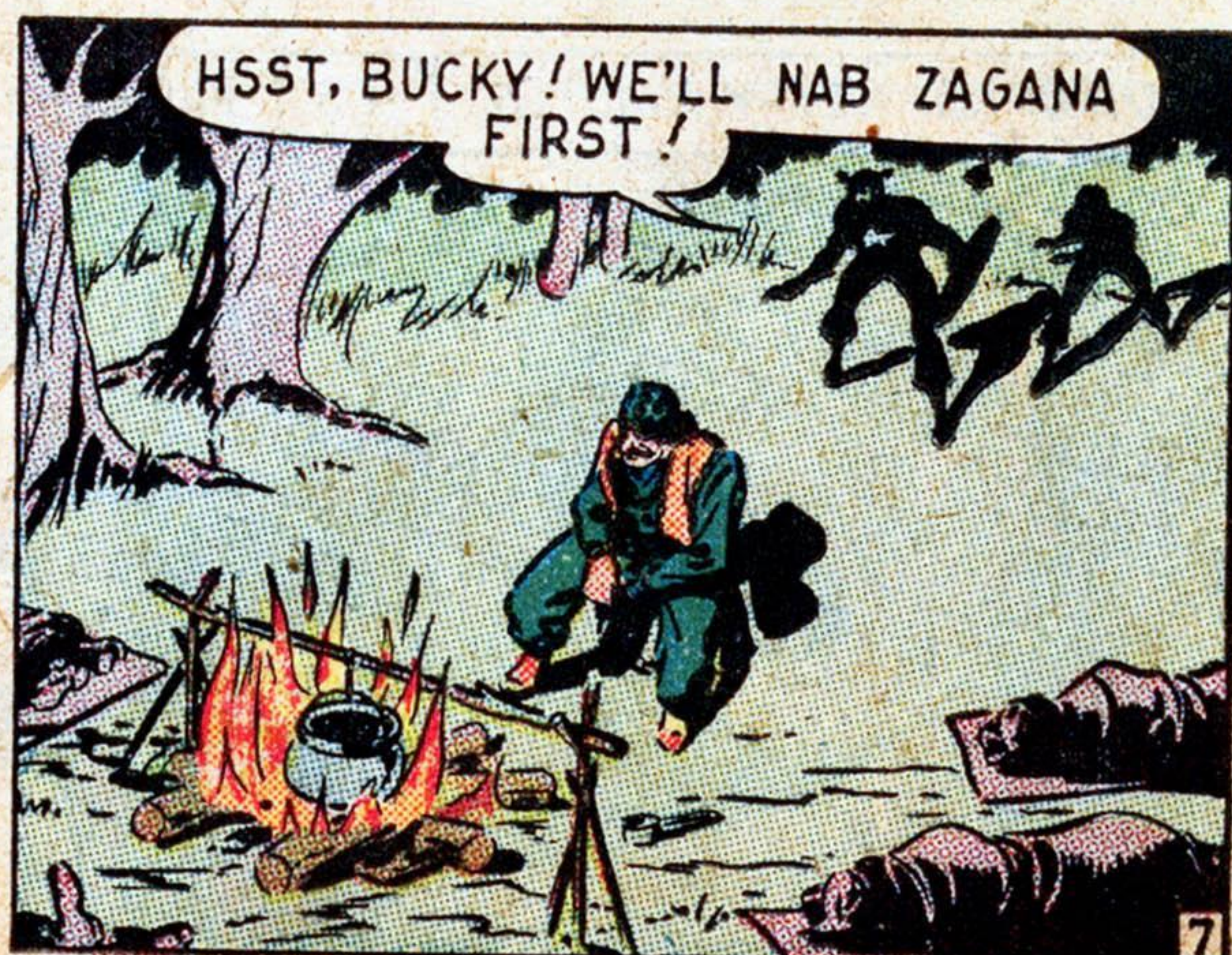


TINKA, YOU ESCAPED!

YES, BUT I WAS FOLLOWED, BY THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA AND THE BOY! THEY WILL THINK TO TAKE US BY SURPRISE!



HAH! THEN WE WILL PREPARE A TRAP FOR THEM! THE REST OF YOU PRETEND TO GO TO SLEEP! I WILL STAY BY THE FIRE! THEN...



HSST, BUCKY! WE'LL NAB ZAGANA FIRST!



GOT YOU, ZAGANA -- HUH?

YOU HAVE, FOOL?

WE'RE
SURROUNDED,
CAP!

VALIANTRY, THE CRIME-CRUSHERS
SWING INTO ACTION!

YAHOO!



BUT THE RESULT IS INEVITABLE,
AGAINST SUPERIOR ODDS!

DO NOT KILL THEM -- YET!



STRAP THEM TO THE BOARD! WE
WELL HAVE GREAT SPORT!
HAHHHH!



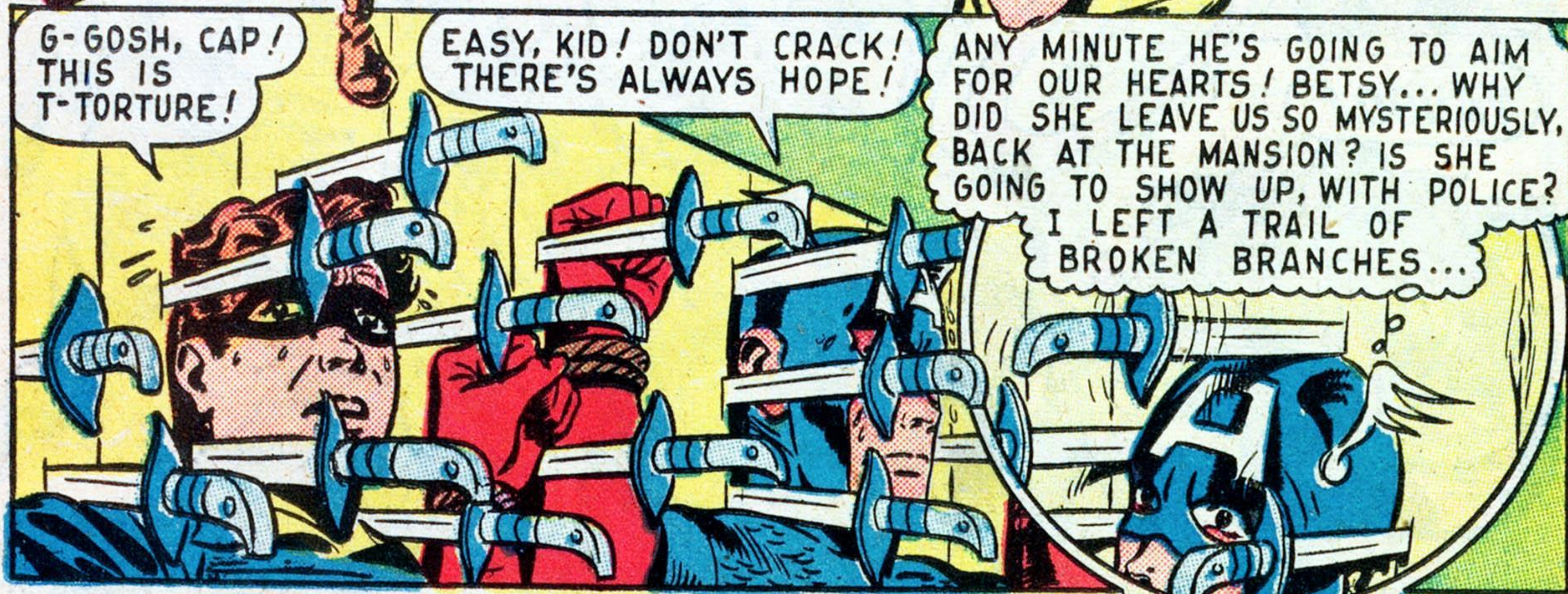


NOW A DEMONSTRATION OF KNIFE-THROWING! YOU WILL DIE A **THOUSAND** DEATHS!

FATHER... **WAIT!** YOU WILL **NOT** KILL THEM? IT IS WICKED!

GO AWAY, GIRL! DO NOT BOTHER ME! THE LAST KNIFE FOR EACH WILL FIND THEIR HEARTS!

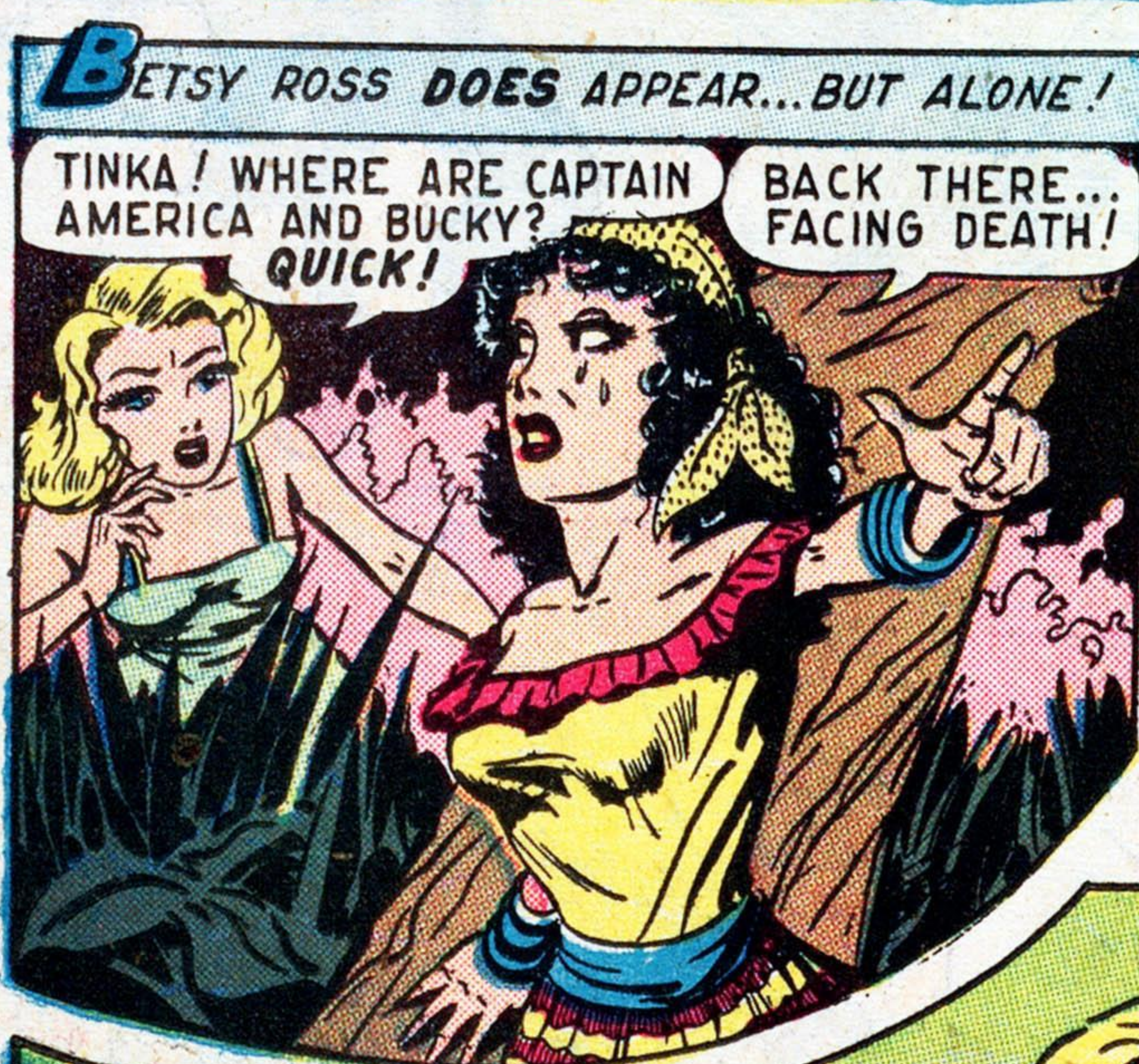
PLEASE, FATHER... OH, I **CANNOT** LOOK!



G-GOSH, CAP! THIS IS T-TORTURE!

EASY, KID! DON'T CRACK! THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE!

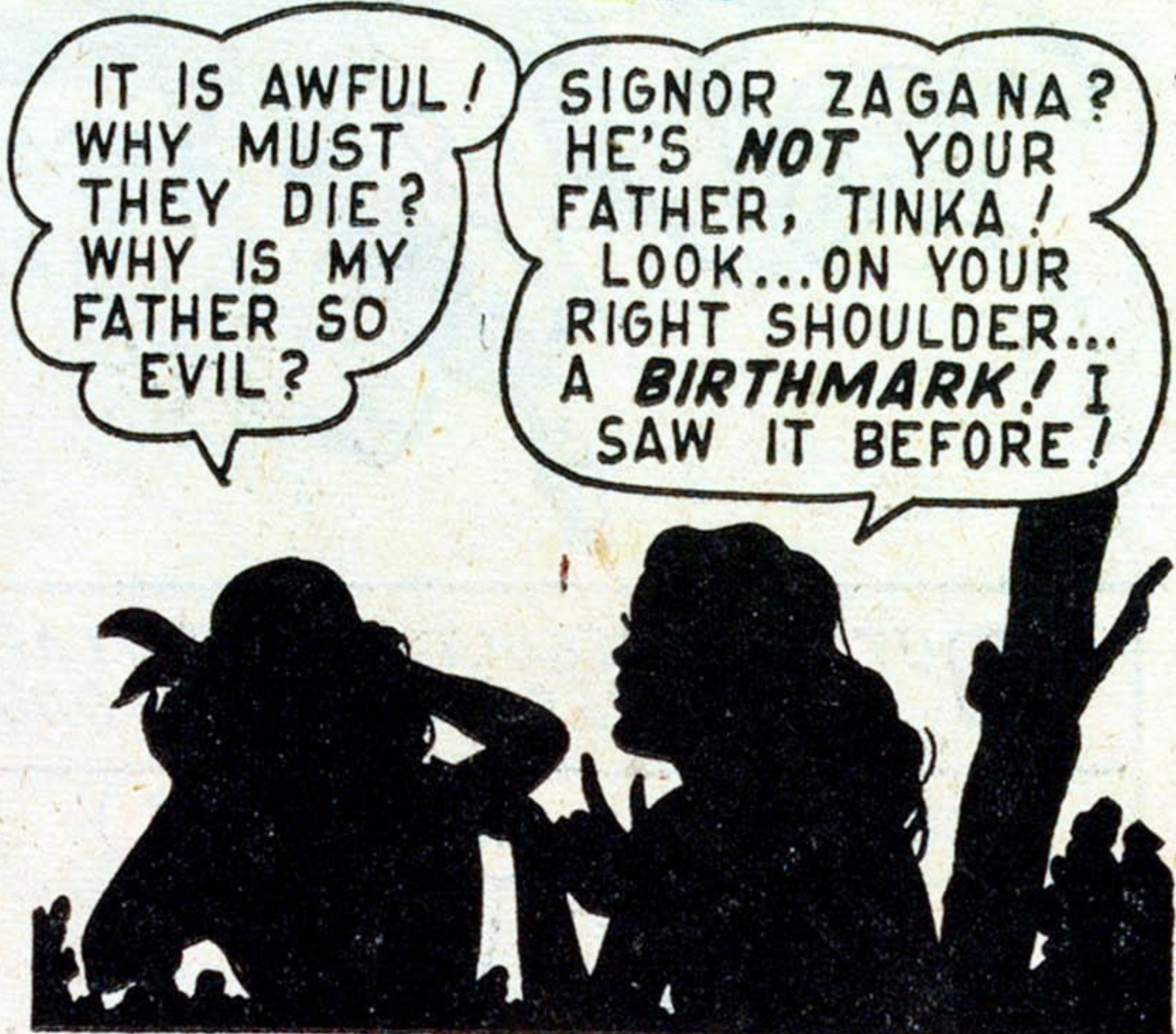
ANY MINUTE HE'S GOING TO AIM FOR OUR HEARTS! BETSY... WHY DID SHE LEAVE US SO MYSTERIOUSLY, BACK AT THE MANSION? IS SHE GOING TO SHOW UP, WITH POLICE? I LEFT A TRAIL OF BROKEN BRANCHES...



BETSY ROSS DOES APPEAR... BUT ALONE!

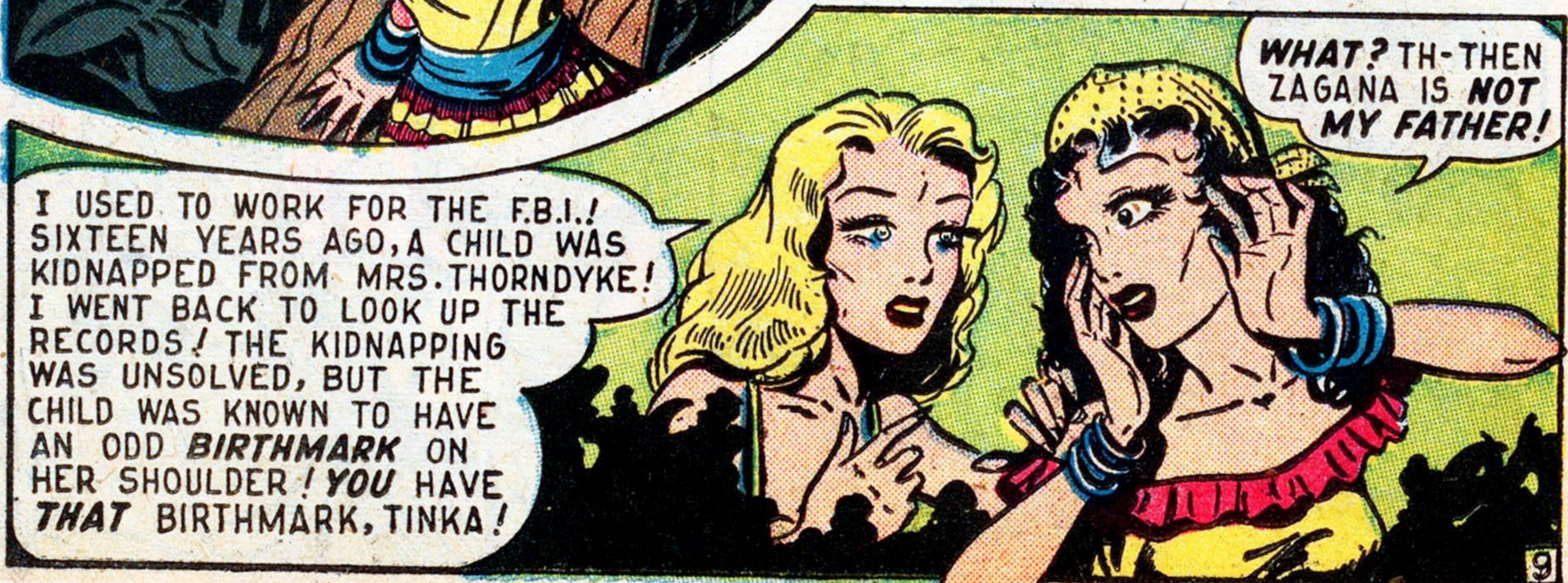
TINKA! WHERE ARE CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY? **QUICK!**

BACK THERE... FACING DEATH!



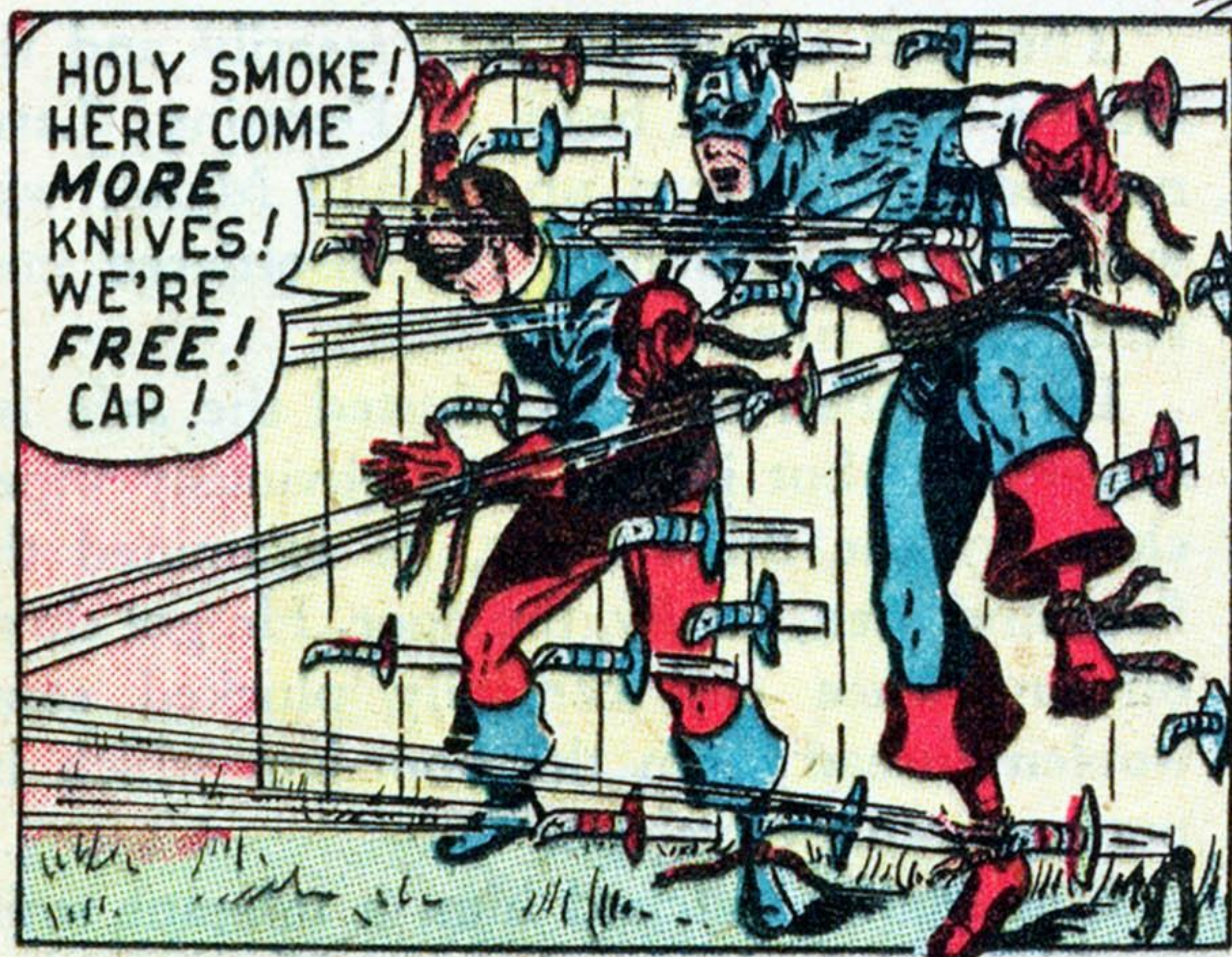
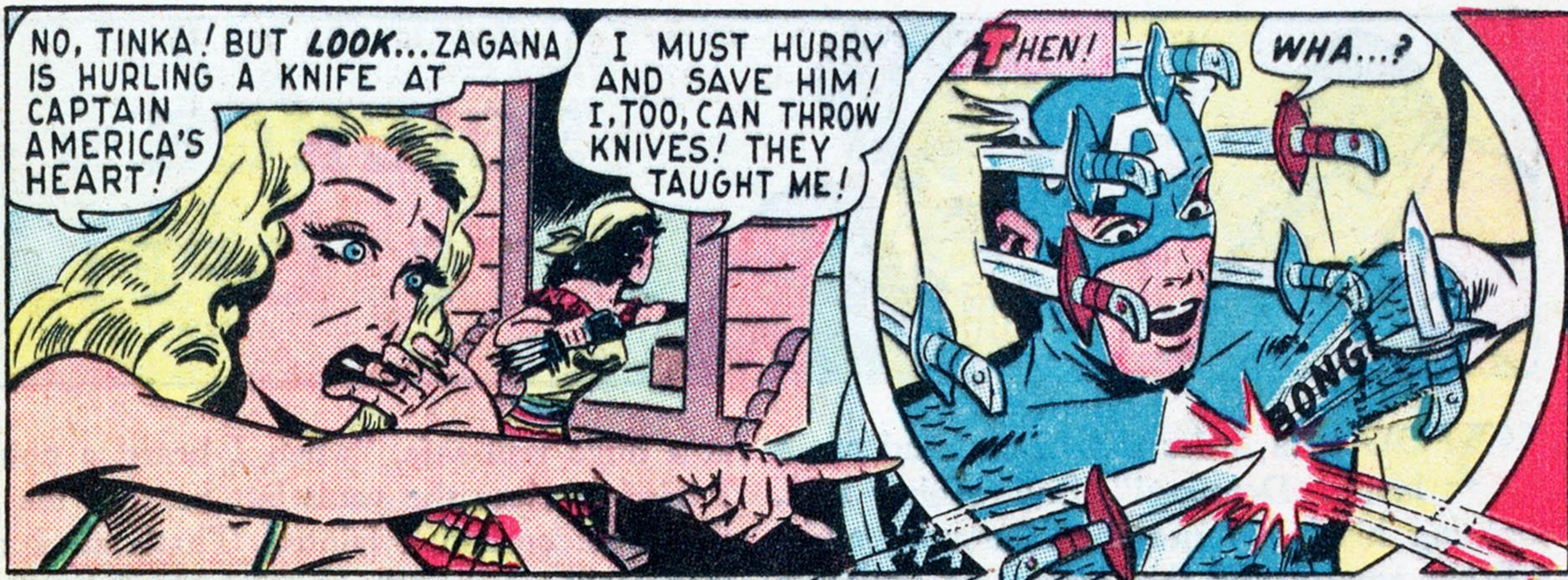
IT IS AWFUL! WHY MUST THEY DIE? WHY IS MY FATHER SO EVIL?

SIGNOR ZAGANA? HE'S **NOT** YOUR FATHER, TINKA! LOOK... ON YOUR RIGHT SHOULDER... A **BIRTHMARK!** I SAW IT BEFORE!



I USED TO WORK FOR THE F.B.I.! SIXTEEN YEARS AGO, A CHILD WAS KIDNAPPED FROM MRS. THORNDYKE! I WENT BACK TO LOOK UP THE RECORDS! THE KIDNAPPING WAS UNSOLVED, BUT THE CHILD WAS KNOWN TO HAVE AN ODD **BIRTHMARK** ON HER SHOULDER! YOU HAVE **THAT** BIRTHMARK, TINKA!

WHAT? TH-THEN ZAGANA IS **NOT** MY FATHER!



AND NOW, LIKE AVENGING WARRIORS, THE MIGHTY PAIR SMASHES INTO THE MURDEROUS GANG!



TO **THE END**



SCIENCE PAYS OFF!

"YOU mail order detectives hand me a laugh, Denning!" Bull Maher said, hoisting his bulk onto the laboratory table. "What good would that gadget be against a gun?"

Larry Denning looked up from his microscope.

"Your rubber hose methods went out with the wooden Indian!" Denning said, smiling at the other. "You'll have to get up on this stuff sooner or later!"

Bull laughed contemptuously. "Not me, bub! You take your microscope and I'll stick to Smith & Wesson's .38!"

The argument was interrupted by the desk sergeant. "If you girls have time, there's been a hold-up at Martier's! Clerk shot!"

"Okay, Denning, let's go!" Maher growled, starting out the door. Larry followed in his wake.

Minutes later, the squad car screeched to a halt outside the entrance of one of the smarter jewelry stores.

A quick glance inside showed them that the robbery had taken place in the back of the store. They made their way back and found a patrolman already there. A middle-aged man was stretched on the floor, an ambulance interne working on his shoulder.

Larry squatted down beside him and watched him probing gently, then triumphantly remove a flattened slug from the clerk's shoulder. Larry reached out and the interne dropped the slug into Larry's cupped palm.

"Thanks, doc." Larry murmured, examining the pellet. "Hmmm . . . a thirty-eight, huh?" He sealed the slug and dropped it into a side pocket, then turned his attention to the wounded clerk.

"Now, did you see who fired the shot?"

The injured clerk shook his head. When he spoke it was slowly and with effort.

"No. I was closing the vault," he nodded

at a huge wall safe, "when I heard a noise. I tried to close the vault but he shot me in the shoulder and I fainted. That's all I remember!"

The man closed his eyes wearily and the interne shook his head at Denning. Larry nodded and glanced up at Bull Maher who was casually examining the disordered contents of the rifled safe.

Larry joined him and dusted the safe for fingerprints but it was bare, obviously wiped clean by the thief. Next, he examined the floor and then, finally, the door. He got down on one knee and carefully plucked some woolen thread from the door-jam which he put in another envelope.

Bull Maher watched him, a tolerant smile on his slightly battered mug. He consulted his watch impatiently and started for the street.

"All through, Sherlock?" Maher said. "Now, if you've finished playing games, we'll get down to work! First stop, Remmy's pool hall to ask Joe Durkin where he's been all night."

Larry chuckled then. "What is it, Bull, another hunch?"

"Hunch nothin'!" Bull growled. "Durkin's been out of the pen almost a month now and he's due for a job! He's the only jewelry heist around who can handle a gun like that! Come on, let's go!"

Denning shook his head. "No, thanks. I have some work to do back at the lab. I'll drop down to Remmy's in about an hour."

"Okay, professor, but if you want to be in on the pinch, make it fast! I don't need a microscope for this job!" Bull rasped, heading for the street. He took the squad car and Larry secured a ride to the precinct in a flivver.

A half hour later, Larry raised his eyes from the microscope. He carefully put the segment

of wool thread in an envelope, marked it, then did the same with a piece of cloth the same color as the thread. Then, he consulted his watch and hurried out to the desk sergeant.

"I need a car, sarge; got one handy?" the sergeant looked up from his solitaire and threw him a set of keys.

"Here you are, Junior G-man. Don't go too fast!" the sergeant said chuckling. Despite his banter, the sergeant had great respect for the team of Denning and Maher.

A few minutes later, Larry pulled up in front of a pool room in a dimly lit neighborhood. A group of idlers took one look at the black squad car and melted away fast.

Larry went inside and surveyed the scene. The talk died down as he pushed his way through to where the fat proprietor was enthroned behind a counter.

"I'm looking for my partner, Bull Maher," Larry said flashing his badge. "Is he around?"

"Y—yes, sir! The flattie, er, gentleman took Durkin back to the . . . uh . . . club room!" the greasy character said.

Larry walked into the dimness at the back of the pool hall, scanning every nook and cranny on the way. He saw a small cubicle walled off from the rest of the place and soft-shoed up to the door.

He listened but the only sound he could hear was a puzzling splat, splat, splat. He produced his gun from a shoulder holster and quietly turned the knob with his left hand. It clicked open and he jumped into the room, ready for anything.

Bull Maher looked up and laughed. "The marines have landed, huh, Larry? Take it easy, Durkin's an innocent lamb, aren't you, Durkin?"

He was seated at a round card table, the man he addressed as Durkin sitting across from him. Bull had his blackjack in his right hand, slowly slapping it into the palm of his left. Durkin was watching the 'jack' warily, fright plainly written across his sallow face. Larry holstered his gun and leaned against the door.

"That the suit they gave you when they turned you loose, Durkin?" Larry's question was casual but Durkin obviously didn't trust him.

"Yeah, they gave me the rag! Nice, ain't

it, copper?" Joe spat. "You guys got nothin' on me! I got witnesses that seen me here all night!"

Bull chuckled. "We just wanted to tell you, you lost a button from your new suit, Joe!" His voice was soft. Suddenly it changed to a roar as he went on. "You lost it when you held up Martier's clerk and shot 'im!"

Joe Durkin gave one terrified glance at his buttons, then realized that he had been tricked. Bull reached over and slapped the table a quarter of an inch away from his hand with the blackjack. Joe jumped a foot and then he cracked!

He crouched low and pulled a gun from a side pocket, his face a mask of rage. Bull shoved the table over into him and followed it over. Durkin went down, the table on top of him and Bull on top of the table. The gun cracked once; then Larry stepped on the outstretched hand holding a gun and took it away from him.

Bull got up, dusting himself off. Durkin's wind was knocked out by Bull's knees landing on his chest. Larry showed him the gun.

"Well, we got him, Bull!" he said, nodding at Durkin. "You sure cracked him in record time! I take back what I said about your rubber hose methods!"

"Yeah, but we *can't* prove he pulled the job!" Bull said regretfully. "All we have him for is assault with a lethal weapon, resisting arrest, and violation of parole. He'll go up for a long time at that!"

"Don't worry, we have him for the hold-up too, Bull!" Larry said, fishing the envelopes out of his pocket. "This bullet will check with that slug in the wall from his gun and this thread is from the suit they issued him when he was paroled! We got him cold, Bull!"

An hour later, the two were back in the station house, writing up their reports. Larry finished his first.

"I put in the story of how you made him crack, Bull!" Larry said. "It was smooth work!"

Bull shook his head. "You're wrong there, pal! It was *your* science that cracked the case!"

Larry just sat there smiling, not saying a word!

THE END

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THE HUMAN TORCH

HERE'S THE STORY —
OF A SAPPY CHAPPY
WHO MAKES GUNMEN
HAPPY! THE BIZARRE
MYSTERY OF A HALF-
WIT, THAT CALLS
UPON THE KEEN WIT
OF THE DARING
TORCH AND HIS
BATTLING BOY COM-
PANION **TORO**!
MEET UP WITH THE
MENTAL BLACKOUT —
FOLLOW THE MIGHTY
TORCH AND **TORO** AS
THEY WASH OUT THIS
BEWILDERING MYSTERY...
**"THE CASE of
BLANK BENNY!"**



NEW YORK AT NIGHT-AND TORCH AND TORO ARE HEADED HOMEWARD, WHEN...

LOOK AT THAT MAN! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM? HE'LL BE KILLED!

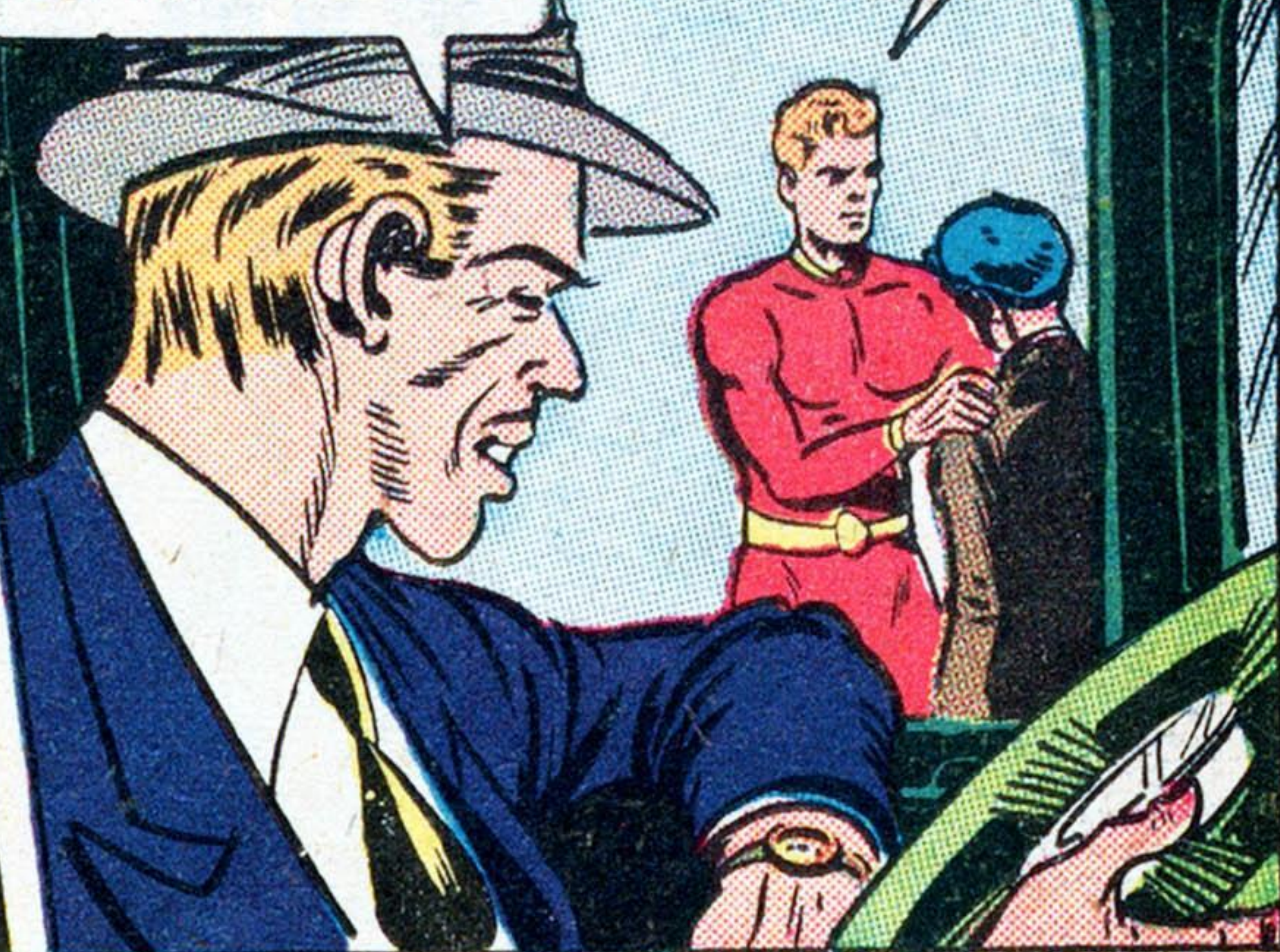
QUICK! WE'RE GOING DOWN!



FASTER THAN A BULLET, THE DUO DIPS DOWN AND UNFLAMES!

THANKS FOR GETTING HIM OUT OF THE WAY! I DON'T WANT TO BE RUNNING OVER ANYONE! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM ANYWAY?

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING!

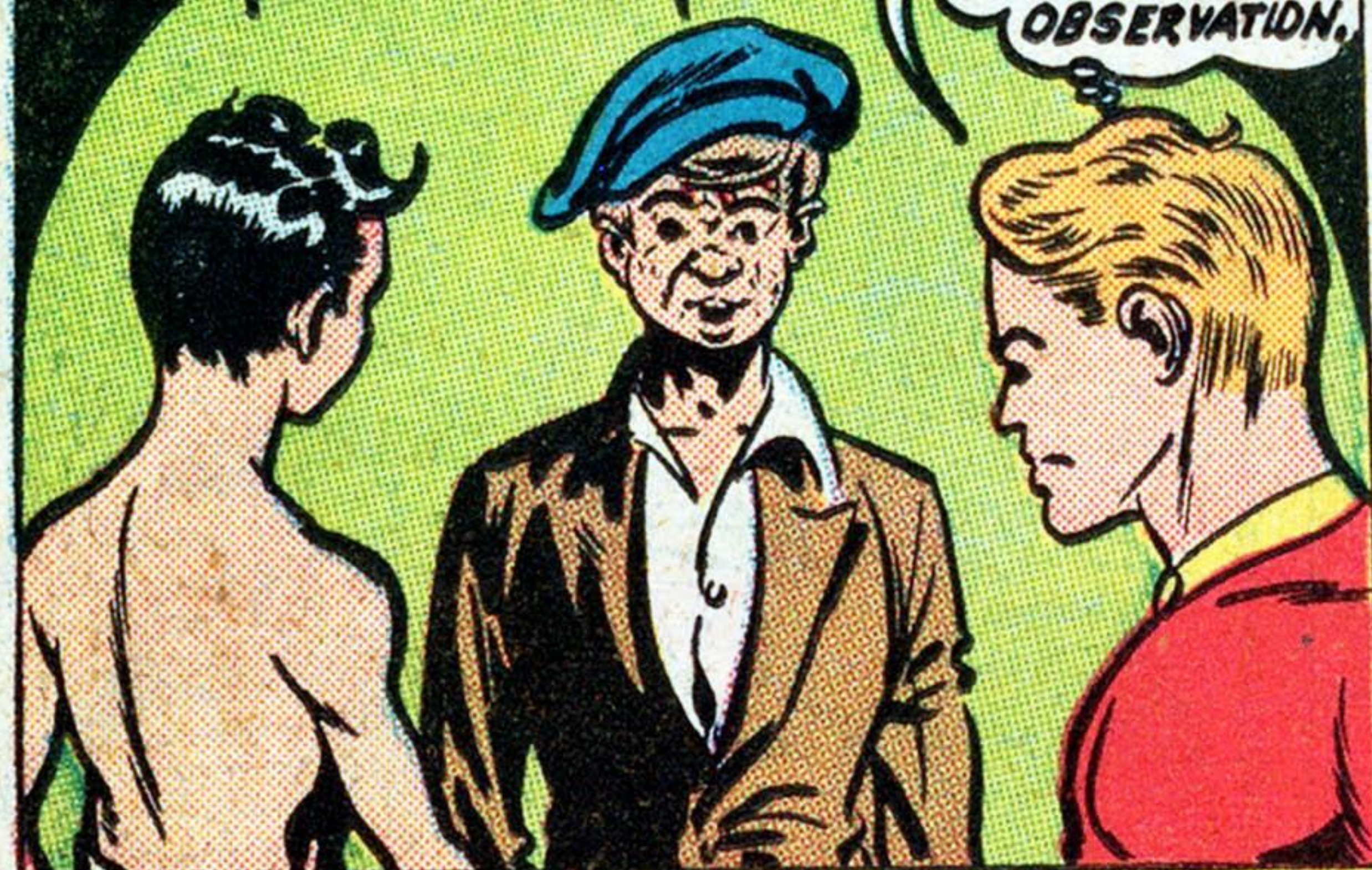


WHY WERE YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD?

I FELL DOWN, THEN I HAD TO SIT DOWN 'CAUSE I WAS TIRED.

YOUR FOREHEAD'S BLEEDING WITH SOME FRESH SCRATCHES. WE'LL TAKE YOU OVER TO A DRUG-STORE FOR FIRST AID....

THAT- AND BELLEVUE FOR OBSERVATION.



AT THE NEAREST DRUG-STORE.....

WILL YOU FIX THIS FELLOW'S HEAD?

HIS HEAD NEEDS MORE THAN BAND-AID! HE'S BLANK BENNY, A MENTAL DEFICIENT! BUT I'LL FIX HIM UP AS SOON AS I WAIT ON THOSE 2 COMING IN... WE'RE SHORT-HANDED!

I'M BENNY, AND I KNOW SOMETHIN'!

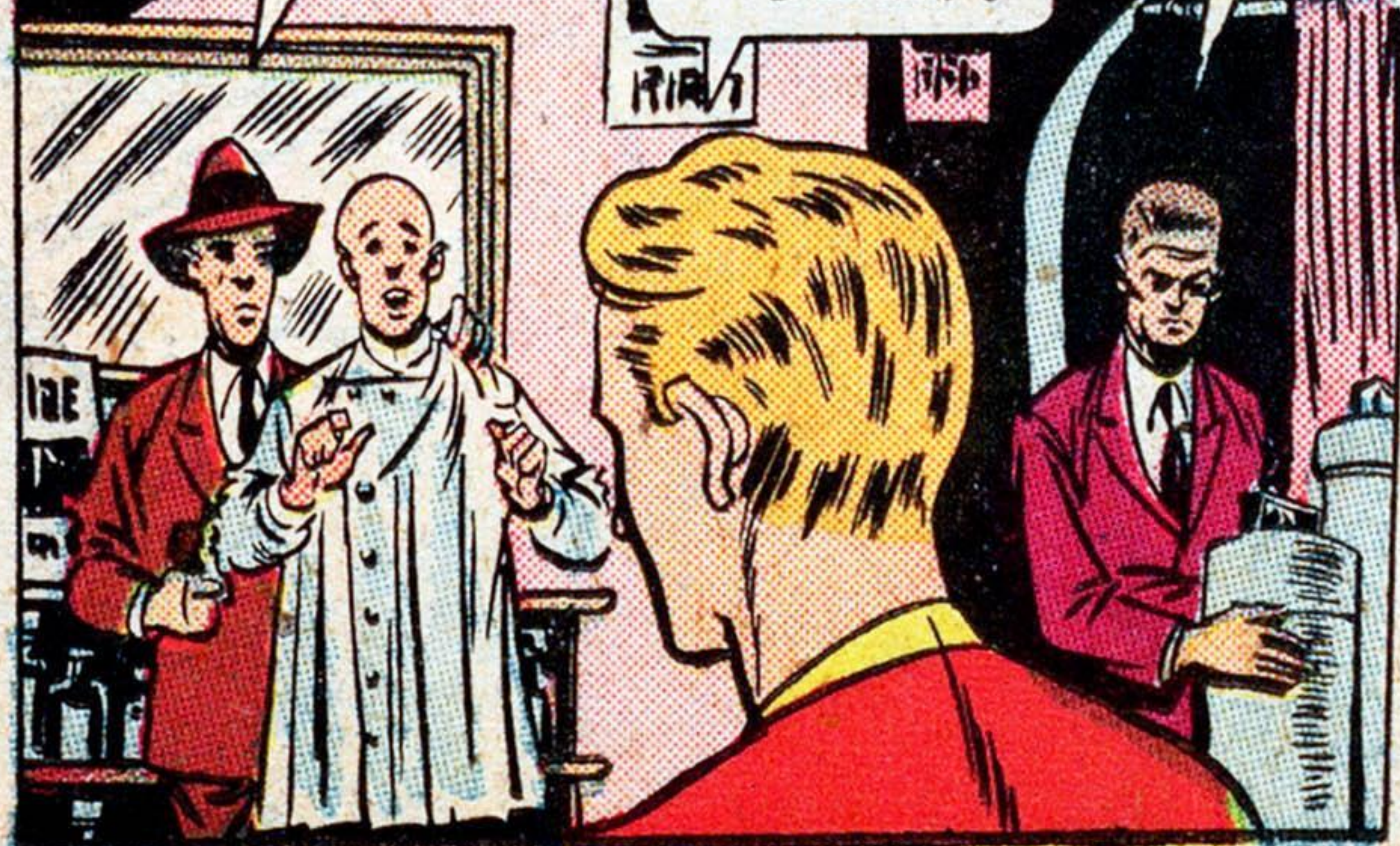


SUDDENLY, AS THE PHARMACIST STEPS TO HIS 'CUSTOMERS'.

STAY WHERE YOU ARE, TORCH AND TORO - OR THIS GUN GOES OFF, SEE! WE'RE TAKIN' BENNY AND YOU AIN'T STOPPING US!

WE CAN'T RISK THE PHARMACIST'S LIFE... BUT WHY DO YOU WANT BENNY?

NONE O' YOUR BUSINESS- AND WHAT'S MORE...



WE DON'T WANT TO BE FOLLOWED! COME ON, BENNY! YOU'RE COMIN' WITH YOUR PALS!

GOODY, GOODY!



SOON AFTER THE CRIME-CRUSHERS
REVIVE, AND...

THEY MADE AWAY
WITH BENNY ALL
RIGHT.... GOSH,
THE PHARMACIST'S
STILL OUT!

GET SOME WATER,
LAD! THAT OUGHT
TO BRING HIM TO....
MMM...WHAT DID THOSE
THUGS WANT WITH
BENNY? WE'LL HAVE
TO GET TO THE
BOTTOM OF THIS!



IN QUICK TIME...

YOU ALL RIGHT
NOW? WHERE
DOES BLANK
BENNY
LIVE?

WITH HIS 2 SISTERS PRUELLA
AND PRISCILLA ELTON, TWO
BLOCKS DOWN AT 8 WEST
STREET.... THEY SHOULD'VE
PUT HIM AWAY BUT HE'S
ALWAYS BEEN HARMLESS AND
THEY NEVER HAD THE HEART!
THEY'RE SUCH NICE OLD
LADIES. TOO BAD THEY'VE
GOT SUCH A BROTHER! BUT
WHY SHOULD THOSE GUNMEN
KIDNAP HIM?

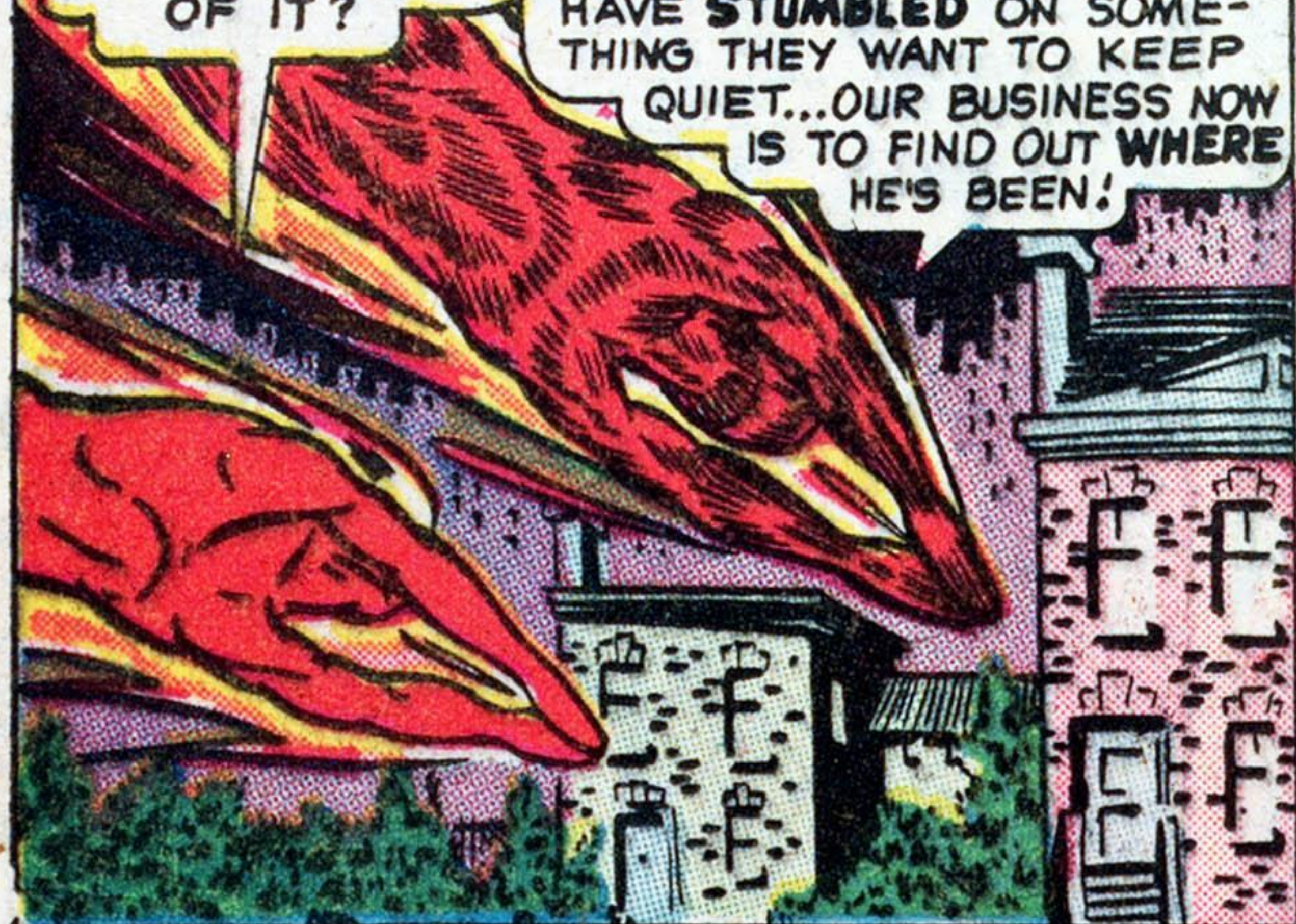
THAT'S WHAT
WE WANT
TO FIND OUT,
EH, TORCH?



AND THE FAMED FLAME-TEAM IS SOON ON THE MOVE!

HERE'S THE
ELTON PLACE...
TORCH, WHAT
DO YOU MAKE
OF IT?

JUST BEFORE THOSE THUGS
CAME IN, BENNY SAID HE
KNOWS SOMETHING! IN HIS
UNWITTING WAY HE MIGHT
HAVE **STUMBLER** ON SOME-
THING THEY WANT TO KEEP
QUIET...OUR BUSINESS NOW
IS TO FIND OUT WHERE
HE'S BEEN!



IN THE ELTON FLAT, THE BOYS MEET
THE SISTERS, AND MAKE THEIR INQUIRY!

WHERE BENNY GOES?
WE DON'T KNOW!
HE GOES OUT EVERY
DAY, WANDERS OFF BY
HIMSELF... BUT HE ALWAYS
COMES HOME WHEN HE
GETS TIRED... BUT WHY
DO YOU GENTLEMEN
ASK?

BECAUSE THIS IS
ONE NIGHT BENNY
MAY NOT COME
HOME! HE'S BEEN
KIDNAPPED! WE
WANT TO FIND HIM!
CAN WE LOOK THROUGH
HIS THINGS?

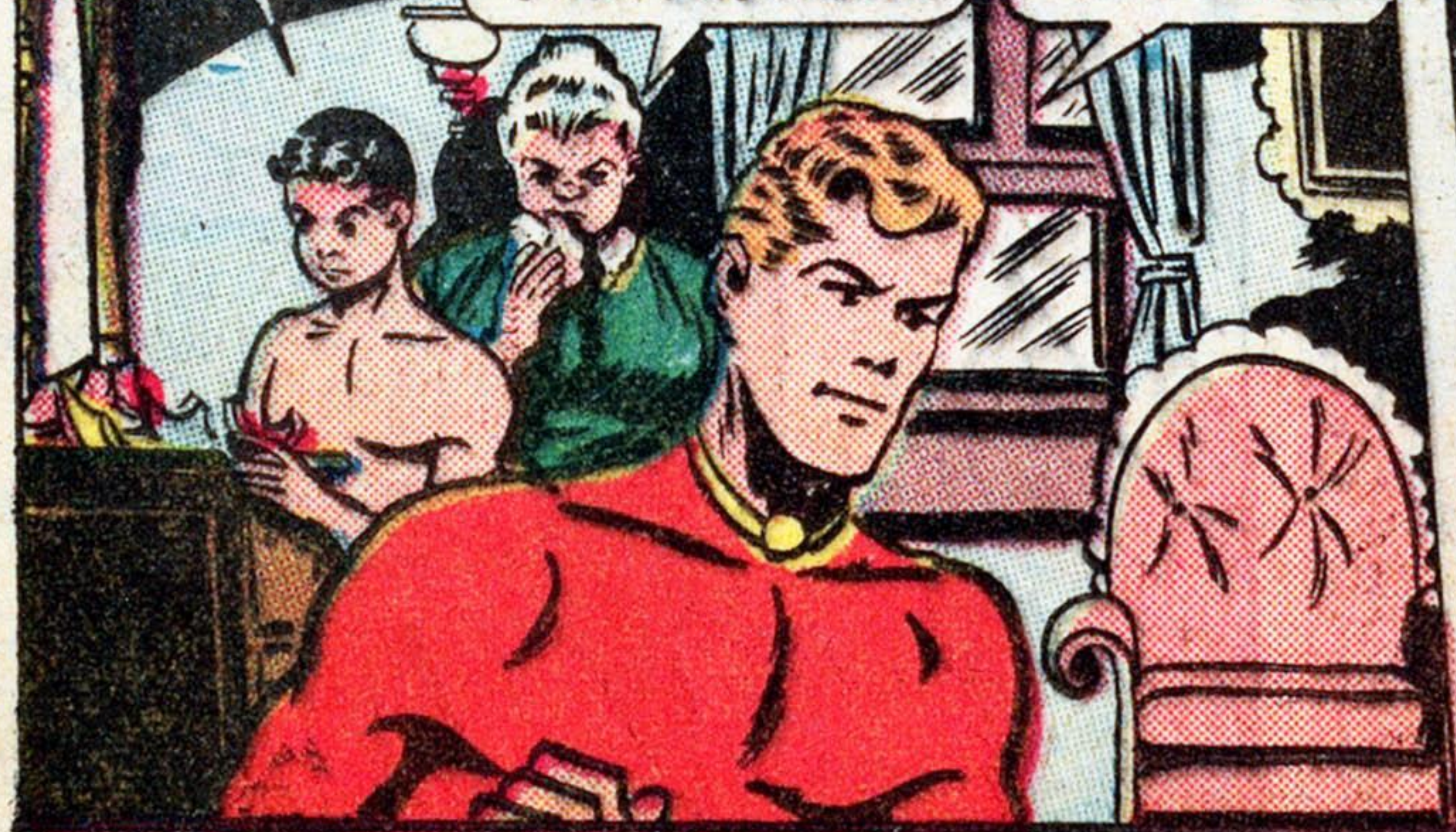
BENNY
KIDNAPPED!
OH DEAR!
OF COURSE,
WE'LL
TAKE
YOU
TO HIS
ROOM!



COLOR
GLASS?
ARE THEY
BENNY'S?

A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO
HE SAID HE WANTED
PRETTY COLORED
GLASS...SO WE BOUGHT
ALL THESE IN THE
DIME STORE...IT TOOK
SO LITTLE TO MAKE
THE POOR BOY HAPPY,
AND HE'S OUR
ONLY BROTHER...

WE'LL DO
OUR BEST
TO FIND HIM..
TORO,
YOU LOOK
THROUGH
THE DRAWERS,
I'LL LOOK
THROUGH
THE CLOSET!



NOTHING IN
THE DRESSER
DRAWERS THAT
CAN BE A LEAD...
WHAT'VE
YOU GOT,
TORCH?

A JEWELRY
STORE HANDBILL!
FOUND IT IN
ONE OF HIS
SUIT POCKETS...
WONDER HOW
HE GOT IT?

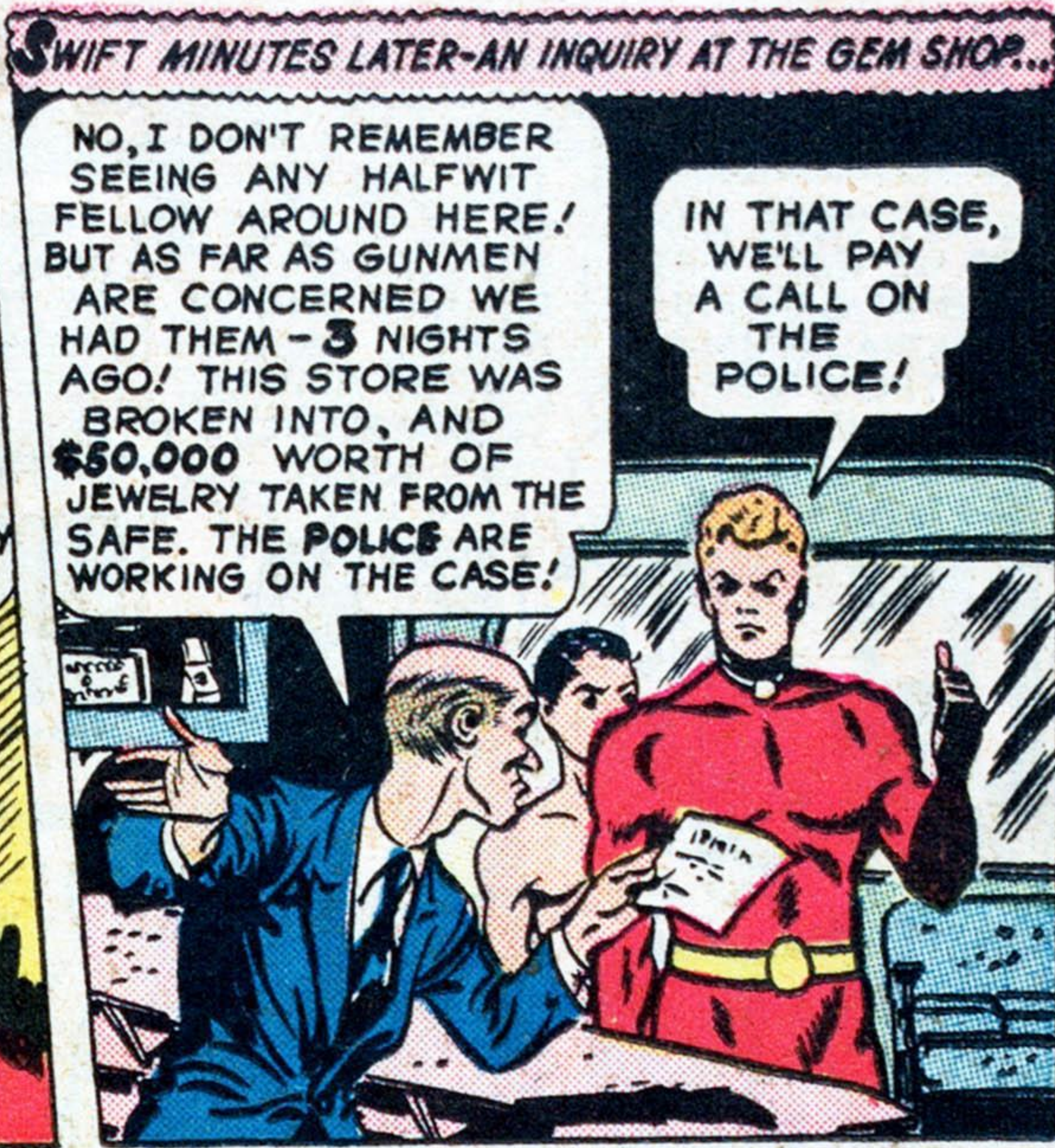




OH DEAR, I HAVEN'T ANY IDEA! HAVE YOU, PRUELLA?

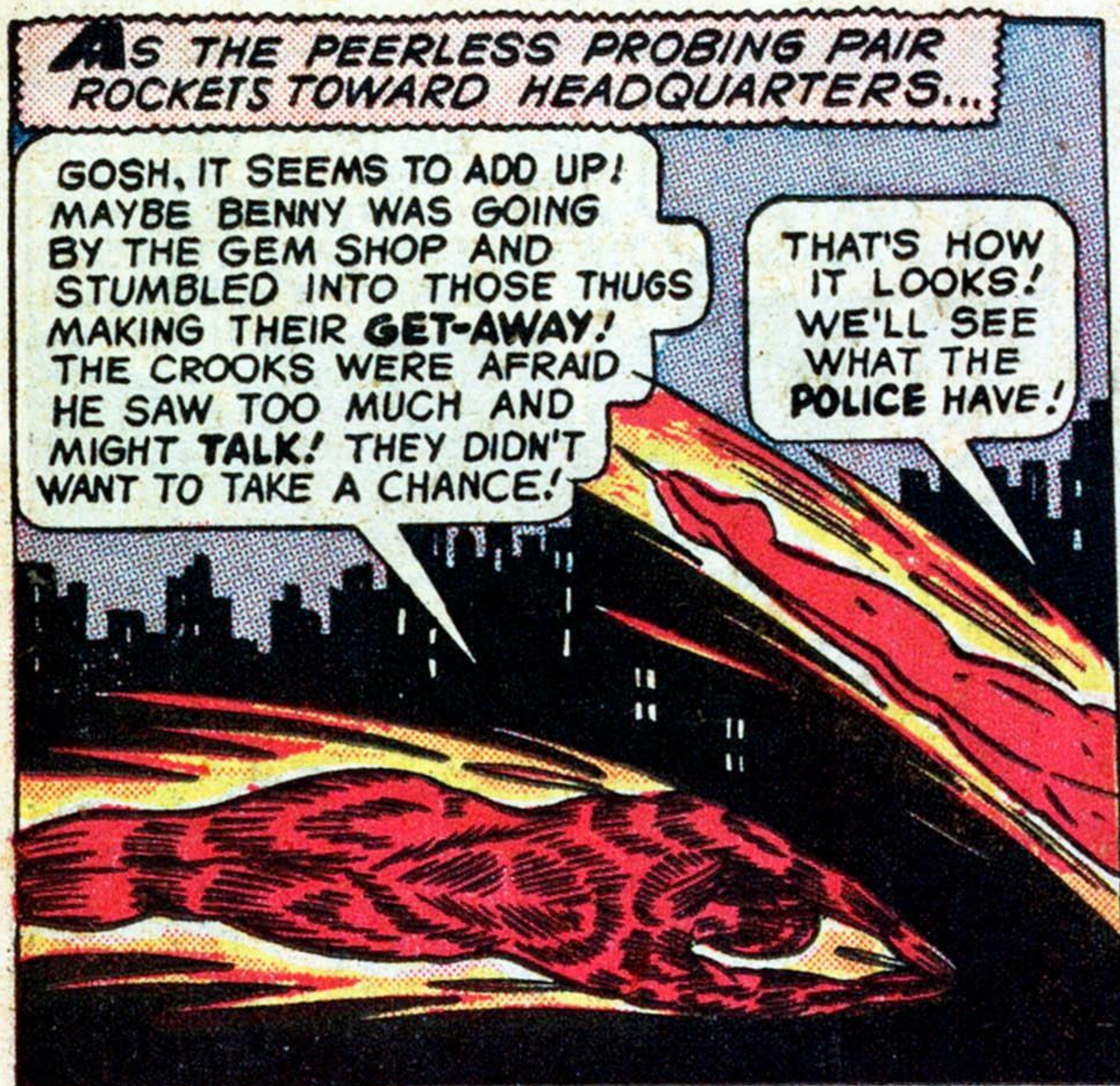
HE MUST HAVE FOUND IT IN HIS WANDERINGS, PRISCILLA... CAN IT HELP FIND THE POOR BOY?

I DON'T KNOW! BUT IT GIVES US A PLACE WHERE HE HAD BEEN AND WAS IMPRESSED PROBABLY ENOUGH TO WANT "PRETTY COLORED GLASS"... **TORO**, WE'RE GOING OVER TO THE **GEM SHOP**! MAYBE THEY CAN TELL US MORE!



NO, I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING ANY HALFWIT FELLOW AROUND HERE! BUT AS FAR AS GUNMEN ARE CONCERNED WE HAD THEM - 3 NIGHTS AGO! THIS STORE WAS BROKEN INTO, AND \$50,000 WORTH OF JEWELRY TAKEN FROM THE SAFE. THE **POLICE** ARE WORKING ON THE CASE!

IN THAT CASE, WE'LL PAY A CALL ON THE **POLICE**!



AS THE **PEERLESS PROBING PAIR** ROCKETS TOWARD HEADQUARTERS...

GOSH, IT SEEMS TO ADD UP! MAYBE BENNY WAS GOING BY THE **GEM SHOP** AND STUMBLED INTO THOSE THUGS MAKING THEIR **GET-AWAY**! THE CROOKS WERE AFRAID HE SAW TOO MUCH AND MIGHT **TALK**! THEY DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE A CHANCE!

THAT'S HOW IT LOOKS! WE'LL SEE WHAT THE **POLICE** HAVE!



IT WAS THE **NEATEST** SAFE-CRACKING JOB WE EVER SAW! BUT SOMETHING WAS LEFT BEHIND - THIS **HAT**! WE THOUGHT WE HAD A BREAK BECAUSE OF THE NAME STITCHED IN IT... BUT WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TRACE THE NAME "**SISEL**" OR THE **HAT**... MAYBE YOU BOYS CAN!

"**SISEL**".. IT'S AN ODD NAME.. WE'LL TRY OUR BEST!



MOMENTS AFTER...

WHAT'S THE IDEA? WE'RE GOING IN **CIRCLES**!

HUH? DIDN'T REALIZE THAT... I'M THINKING - THINKING ABOUT "**SISEL**"! MAYBE IT **ISN'T** A NAME... SOMETIMES **HAT-MAKERS** - ESPECIALLY **OLD-TIMERS** - STITCH IN THE ADDRESS OF THE **HAT-OWNER**... THIS IS **HAND-SEWN**! **TORO**, LET'S TRY IT AS AN **ADDRESS**!



ADDRESS? I GET IT... WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS AN "**S**" WOULD BE A **5** - "**515**".. **E** WOULD BE **EAST**... BUT WHAT ABOUT THE **L**?

L IS THE ROMAN NUMERAL FOR **50**... **515 E.** **50th ST.**... **LAD**, THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING!

SOON AFTER - IN A WELL-FURNISHED FLAT - WELL-FURNISHED WITH TOOLS OF BURGLARY...

BENNY'S TIRED AGAIN, AND WE GOT THAT JOB AT CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK! GET THE STUFF AND GIVE HIM THE WORKS!

YEH, HE'LL BE OK! BOY, WASN'T WE LUCKY TO GET HOLD O' HIM? DIDN'T I TELL YOU THE NUMBERS OF OUR ADDRESS WAS LUCKY FOR US!

THEY ADD UP TO FRIDAY THE 13th FOR YOU!

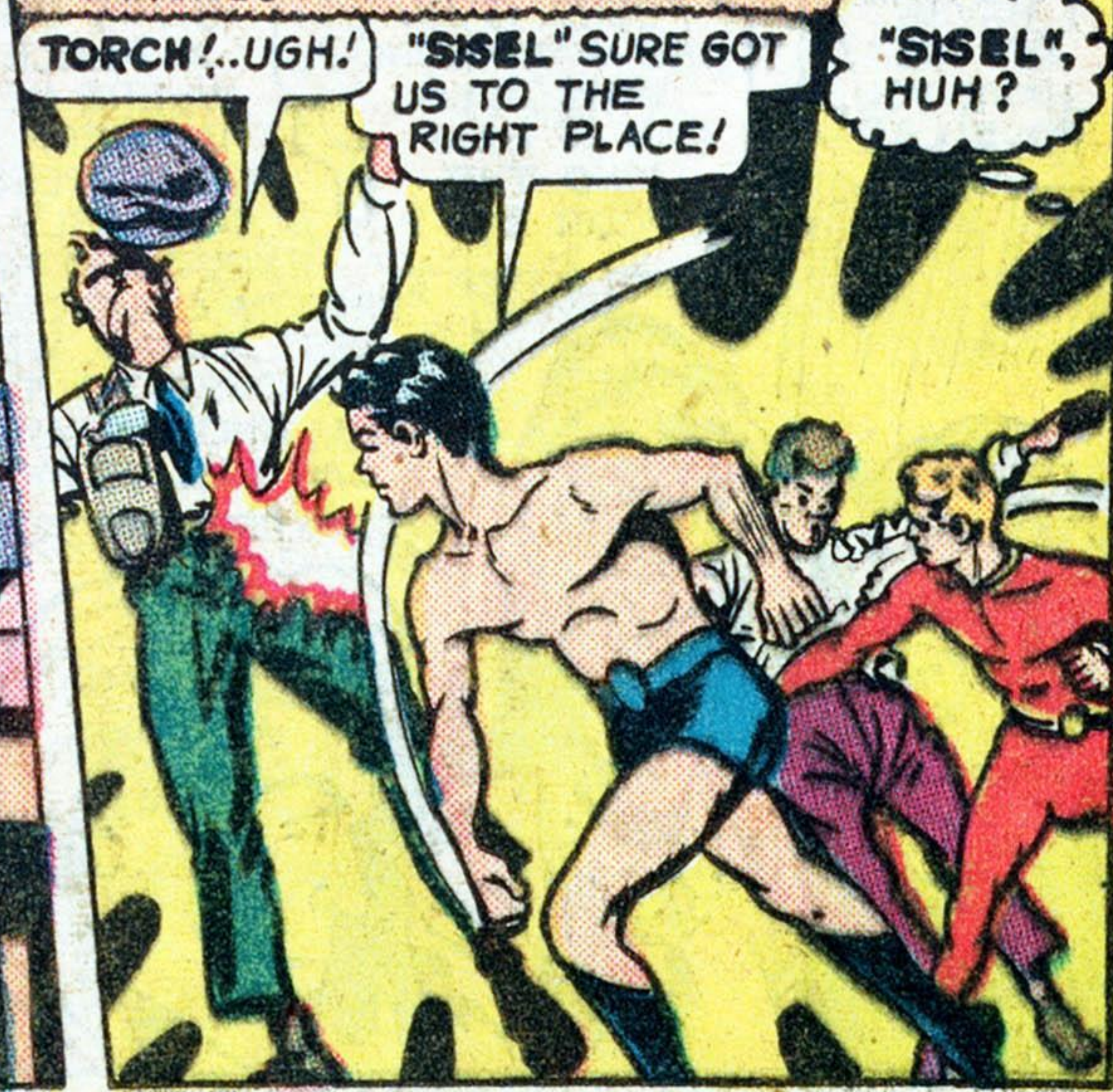


ON A SPLIT SECOND, A POWERHOUSE PAIR CRASHES MIGHTY FISTS!

TORCH!..UGH!

"SISEL" SURE GOT US TO THE RIGHT PLACE!

"SISEL", HUH?



THE NEXT MOMENT...

YOU FLAME-BIRDS'LL NEVER SIZZLE AGAIN! WE GOT A LOT OF STUFF HERE, INCLUDING THIS SODIA-TERZUM-CHEMO SOLUTION! THAT'S WHAT IT'S CALLED IN THE BOOKS, BUT WE JUST CALL IT "KNOCKOUT"!



BOY, THAT SURE KNOCKED 'EM OUT! THEY WON'T FLAME AGAIN!

NOT WHEN WE LOCK 'EM IN THE FIRE-PROOF SAFE! THEY'LL SUFFOCATE TO DEATH!

COME ON! GET A MOVE ON! THAT'S A SWELL IDEA!



MOMENTS AFTER, THE STRICKEN CRIME-CRUSHERS RECOVER CONSCIOUSNESS TO FIND THEMSELVES IN AN IRON BOUND TOMB!

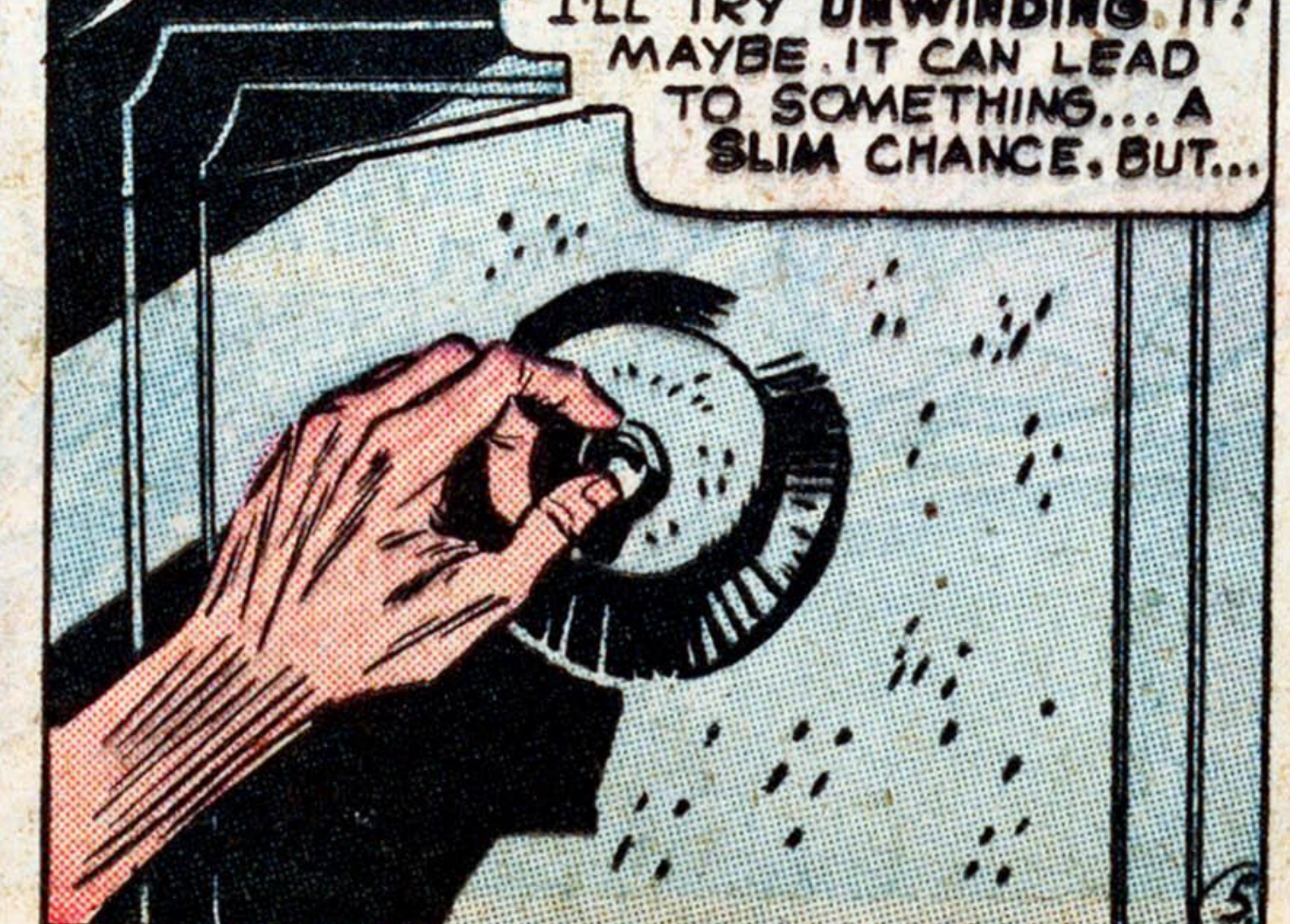
AIR'S GOING FAST... WHAT A MESS... CAN'T FLAME...

NEITHER CAN I... PROBABLY WOULDN'T HELP US MUCH EITHER... THIS LOOKS FIRE-PROOF! BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE SOMEWAY - IF WE WANT TO LIVE!



WHAT'S THERE TO DO? WE CAN'T JUST WALK OUT OF A LOCKED IRON DOOR!

WALK OUT? **TORO**, YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL! THAT'S OUR ONE AND ONLY HOPE... MMM, THIS KNOB'S PROBABLY THE BACK OF THE DIAL COMBINATION! I'LL TRY UNWINDING IT! MAYBE IT CAN LEAD TO SOMETHING... A SLIM CHANCE, BUT...



STRONG FINGERS PRESS FEVERISHLY, AND THE KNOB IS OFF!

A GLASS DISC... CAN YOU BREAK THE GLASS?

I'LL TRY TO! NO! IT'S UNBREAKABLE STUFF... BUT WAIT A MINUTE! THOSE ALPHABET LETTERS REFLECTED THROUGH THE GLASS ARE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE SAFE?

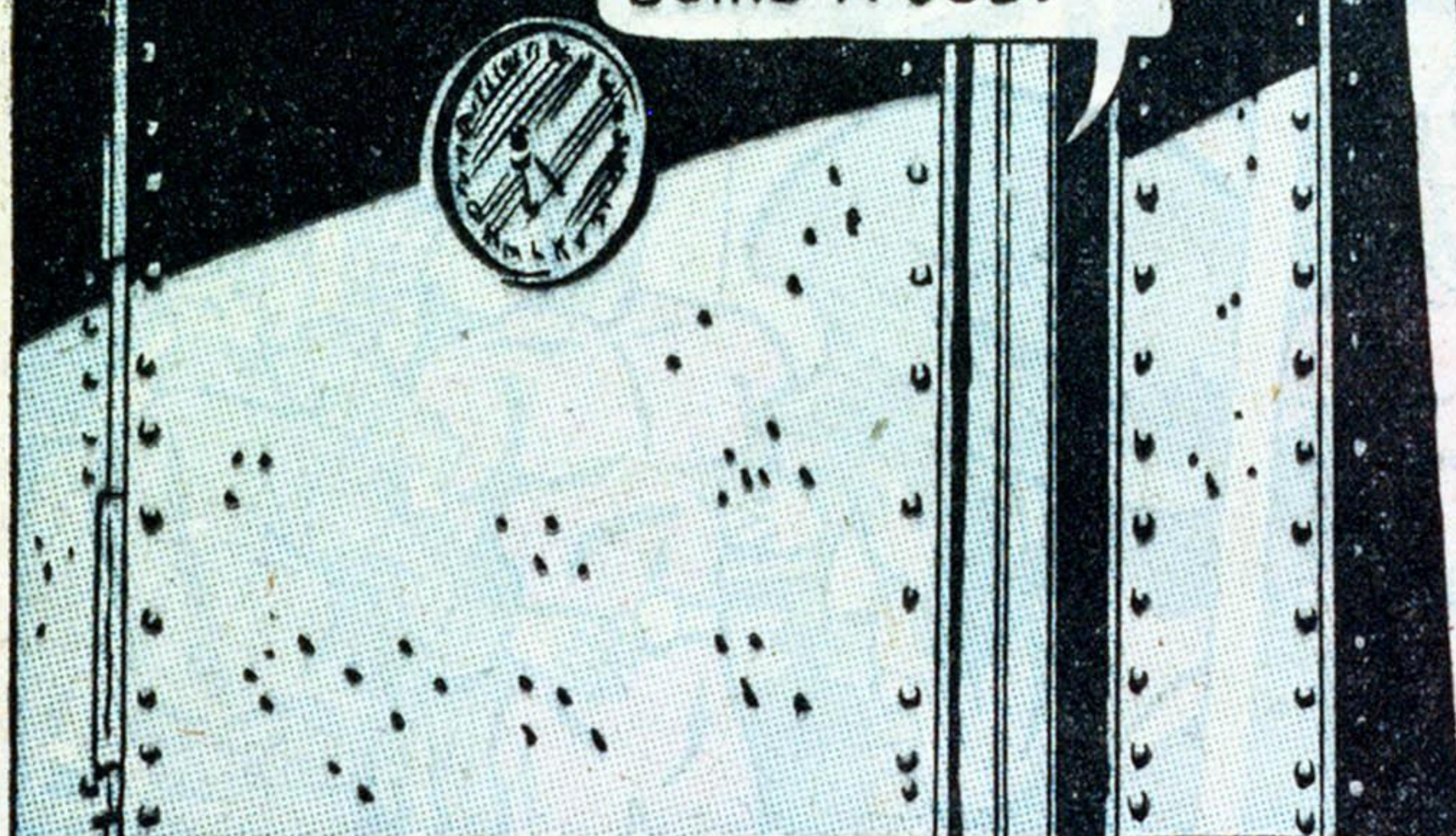
THAT MEANS THE DIAL COMBINATION TO OPEN AND LOCK THE SAFE INVOLVES SOME OF THOSE LETTERS! A WORD, PERHAPS... THIS SCREW IS CONNECTED WITH THE OUTSIDE INDICATOR... I CAN TURN IT! IF THEY'RE SO SUPERSTITIOUS ABOUT THEIR LUCK WITH 515 50th, I'M GOING TO DIAL "SISEL"... IT'S... WORTH.. TRYING...

HURRY. GASP...



DESPERATELY, LUNGS LONGING FOR PRECIOUS OXYGEN, TORCH DIALS THE LETTERS, ONE BY ONE - AND...

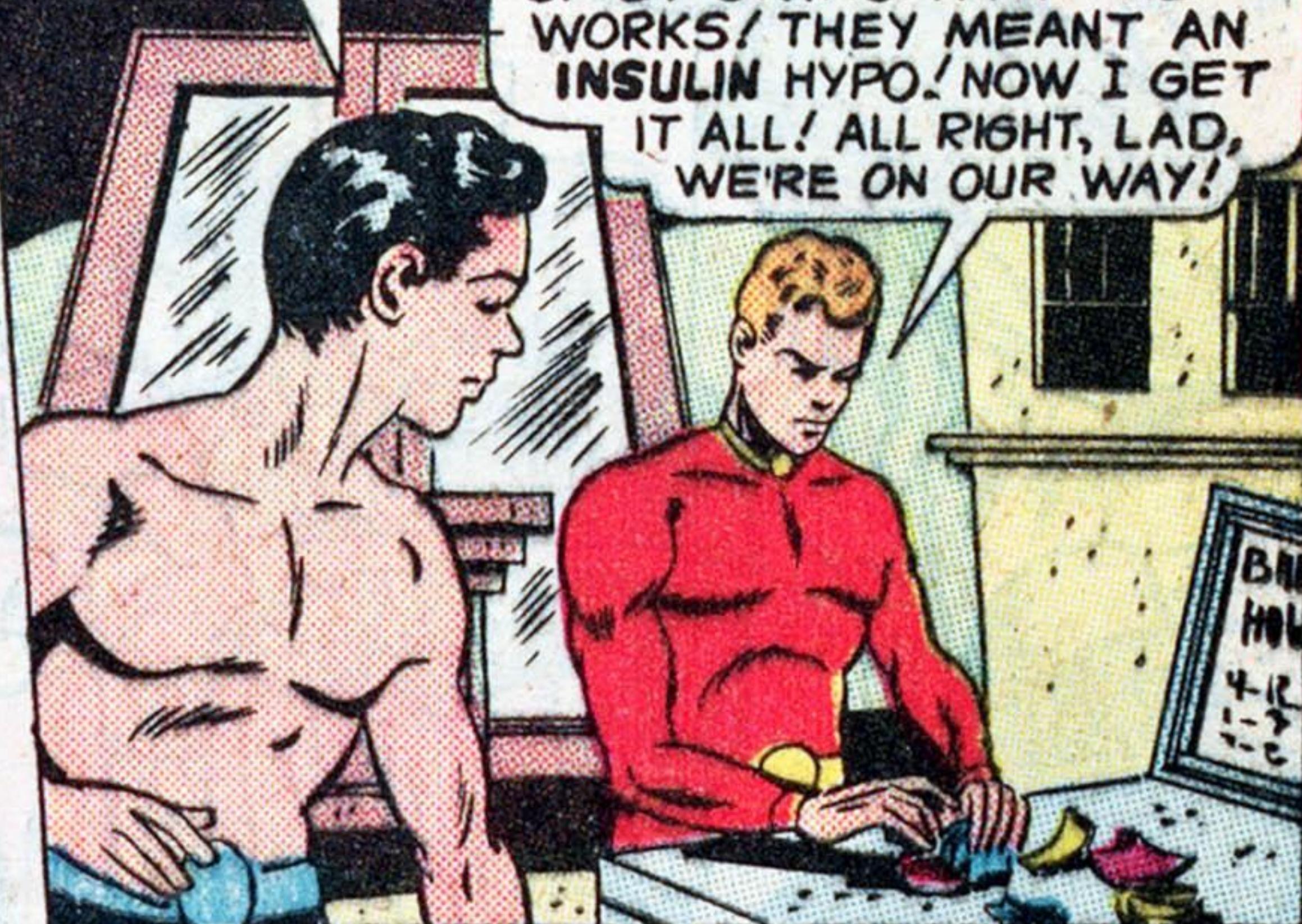
"SISEL" WORKED! DOOR'S OPENING! FLAME UP, LAD! AND TO CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK! THAT'S WHERE THEY SAID THEY WERE DOING A JOB!



THE FLAMING DUO EMBARKS ON A SPEEDY EXIT, BUT TORCH'S EYE IS SUDDENLY CAUGHT!

COMING, TORCH? WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

THIS AMPOULE - AND THE INSULIN... THOSE THUGS SAID THEY WERE GOING TO WAKE BENNY UP BY GIVING HIM THE WORKS! THEY MEANT AN INSULIN HYPO! NOW I GET IT ALL! ALL RIGHT, LAD, WE'RE ON OUR WAY!



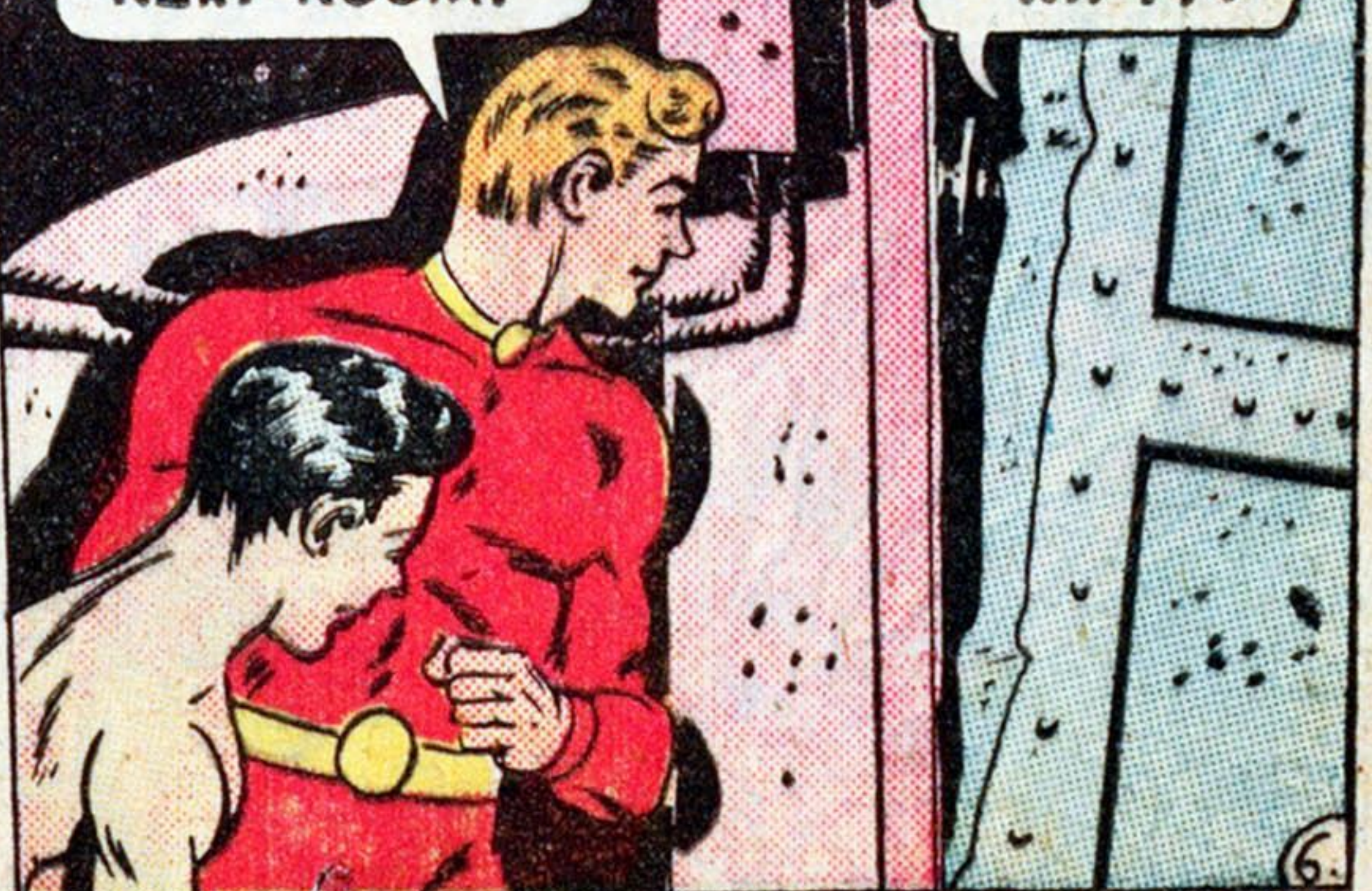
INSULIN HYPOS ARE USED FOR TREATMENT ON MENTAL DEFECTIVES. IT SHOCKS THEM INTO AWARENESS, ONLY TEMPORARILY OF COURSE! I THINK THIS TIES IN WITH THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF MENTAL CASES HAVE SHOWN THAT DEFECTIVES CAN HAVE A SPECIAL ABILITY IN WHICH THEY EXCEL, THOUGH THEY ARE COMPLETELY BLANK IN EVERYTHING ELSE! I'VE A HUNCH BENNY HAS A SPECIAL ABILITY HE'S USING NOW!

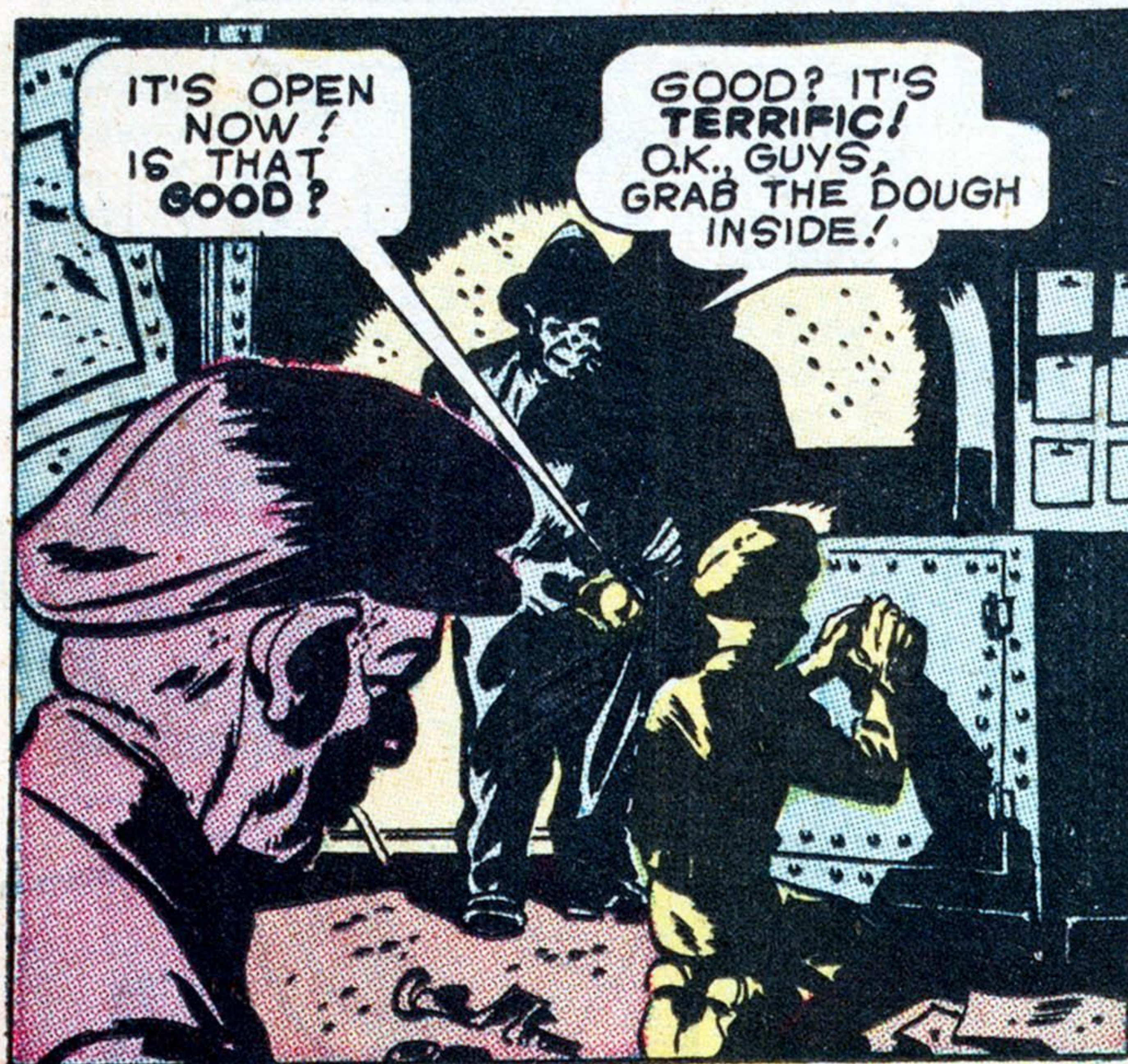


REACHING THE BANK IN MERE SECONDS, THE DUO EFFECTS AN EASY ENTRANCE!

SEE WHAT I MEAN? DOOR'S BEEN CLEVERLY OPENED, BURGLAR ALARMS CUT... BENNY'S SPECIAL ABILITY, AWAKENED FULLY THROUGH THE INSULIN HYPO... MMM, THEY'RE IN THE NEXT ROOM!

ATTA BOY, BENNY... YOU'RE SURE BREAKING THAT VAULT OPEN NIFTY!





IT'S OPEN NOW! IS THAT GOOD?

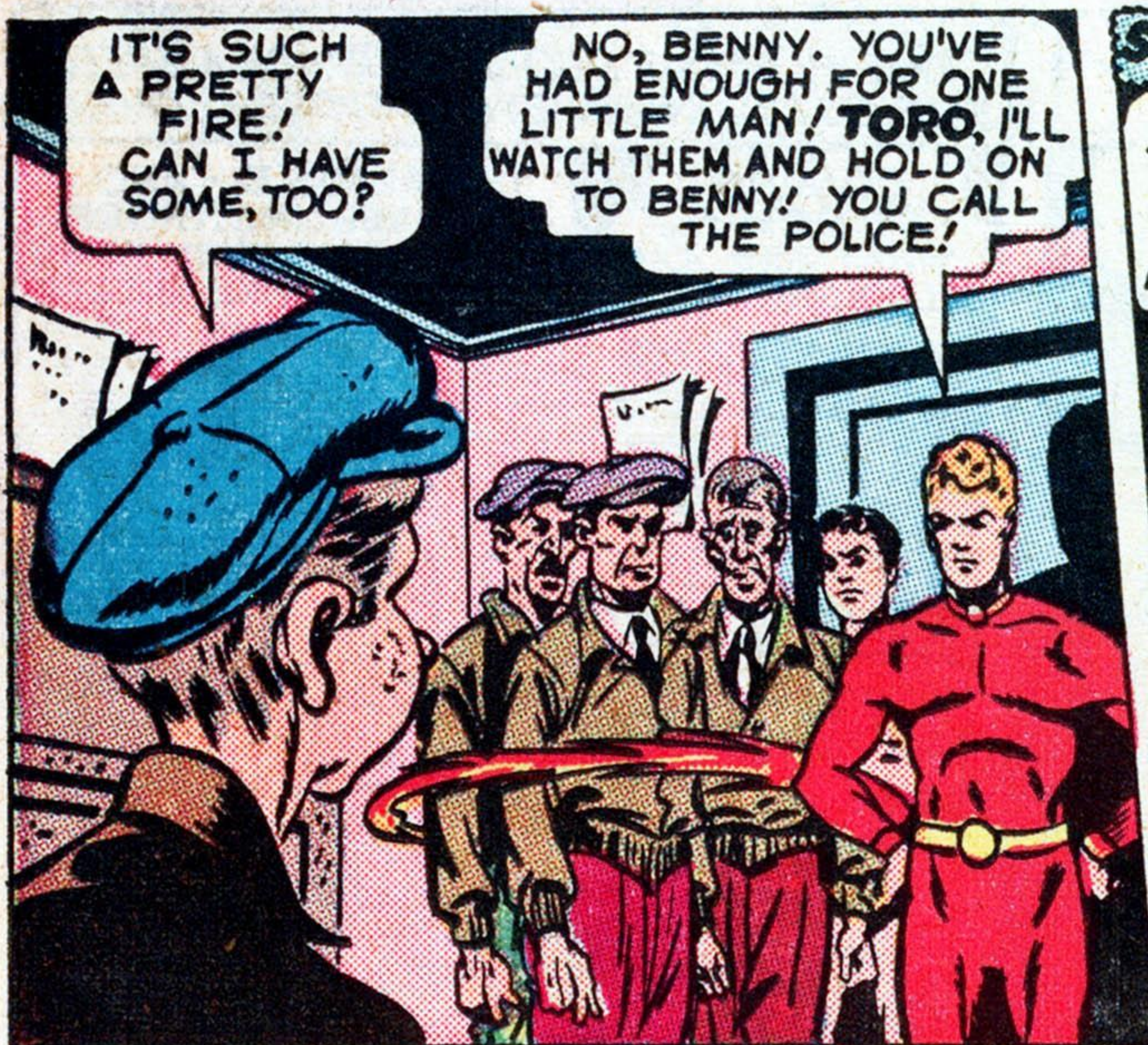
GOOD? IT'S TERRIFIC! O.K., GUYS, GRAB THE DOUGH INSIDE!



A SECOND LATER!

WHAT A SYSTEM!

WE'RE CRABBING YOUR GRAB!



IT'S SUCH A PRETTY FIRE! CAN I HAVE SOME, TOO?

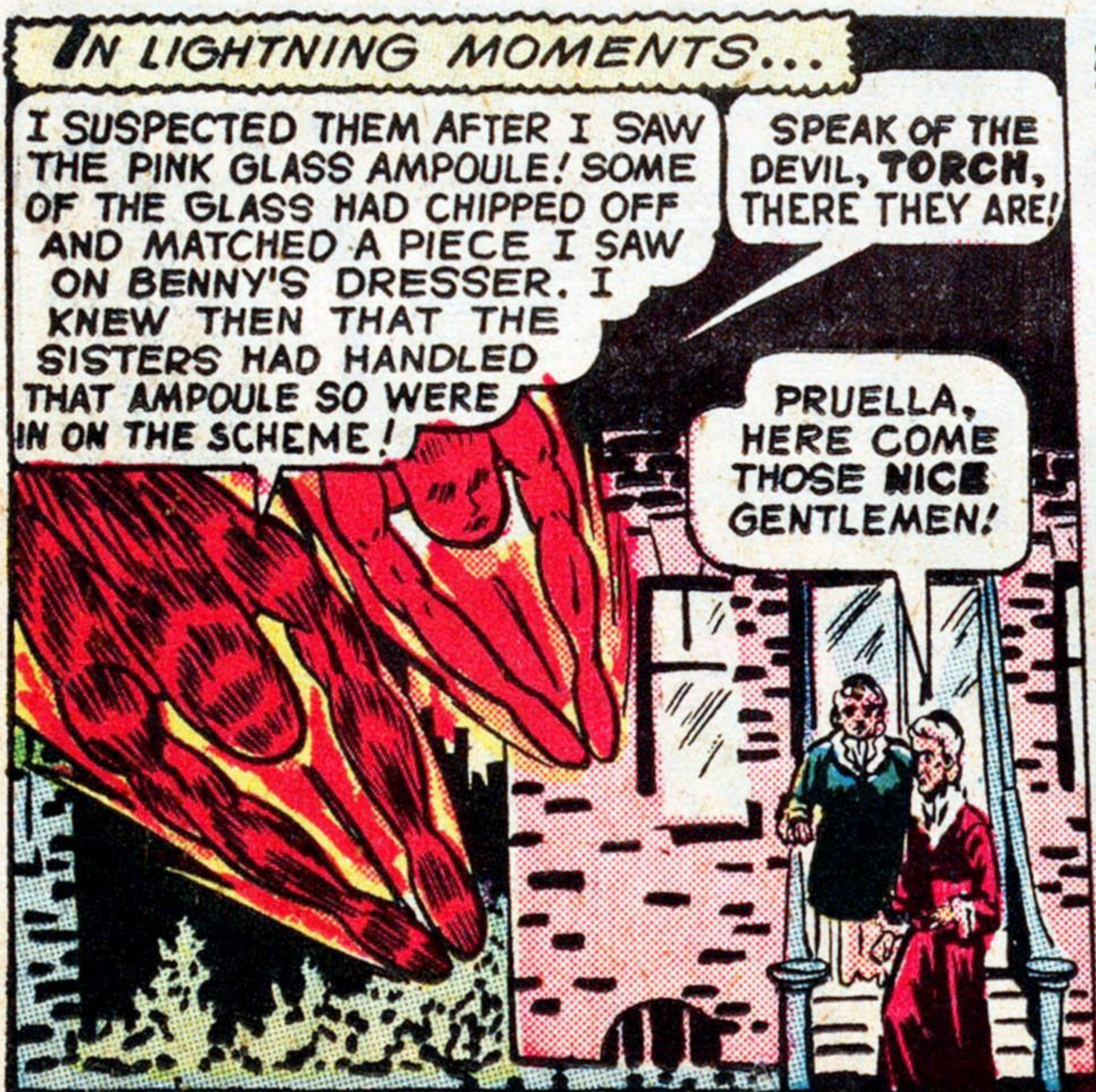
NO, BENNY. YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH FOR ONE LITTLE MAN! **TORO**, I'LL WATCH THEM AND HOLD ON TO BENNY! YOU CALL THE POLICE!



SOON AFTER, THE POLICE ARRIVE AND GET THE STORY.

IT'S JAIL FOR THOSE WISE BIRDS- AND AN ASYLUM FOR BENNY... A MIGHTY INTERESTING CASE!

AND NOT DONE YET! YOU MUGS, WHO ELSE WAS IN WITH YOU? **TALK**, **ELTON**! OR I'LL FLAME AGAIN! THEY AND GIVE YOU A SINGE! **BENNY** OUT TO US FOR A CUT IN THE SWAG!



IN LIGHTNING MOMENTS...

I SUSPECTED THEM AFTER I SAW THE PINK GLASS AMPOULE! SOME OF THE GLASS HAD CHIPPED OFF AND MATCHED A PIECE I SAW ON BENNY'S DRESSER. I KNEW THEN THAT THE SISTERS HAD HANDLED THAT AMPOULE SO WERE IN ON THE SCHEME!

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL, **TORCH**, THERE THEY ARE!

PRUELLA, HERE COME THOSE NICE GENTLEMEN!



BUT THE SPINSTER CRIMESTERS QUICKLY CHANGE THEIR OPINION!

WE NABBED YOUR GUNMEN PALS, AND THEY CONFESSED YOU WERE IN WITH THEM!

THOSE DOUBLE-CROSSING SQUEALERS! **!+?#%*X!** AND YOU TWO **X!?!*!X*!**

GOOD WORK! WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE!

THE END

WIN BIG CASH PRIZES!

ARE YOU A KNITTIN' KITTEN?
A CLEVER COOKIE?
GOT OCEANS OF NOTIONS?

4 BIG CONTESTS IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF Miss America



1 COOKING

WHAT'S COOKING ON YOUR BURNER IN THE SWEET-STUFF DEPARTMENT? WHIP UP THE TASTIEST, TEMPTINGEST COOKIES, CAKES OR CANDY AND WIN BIG CASH PRIZES FOR THEM!

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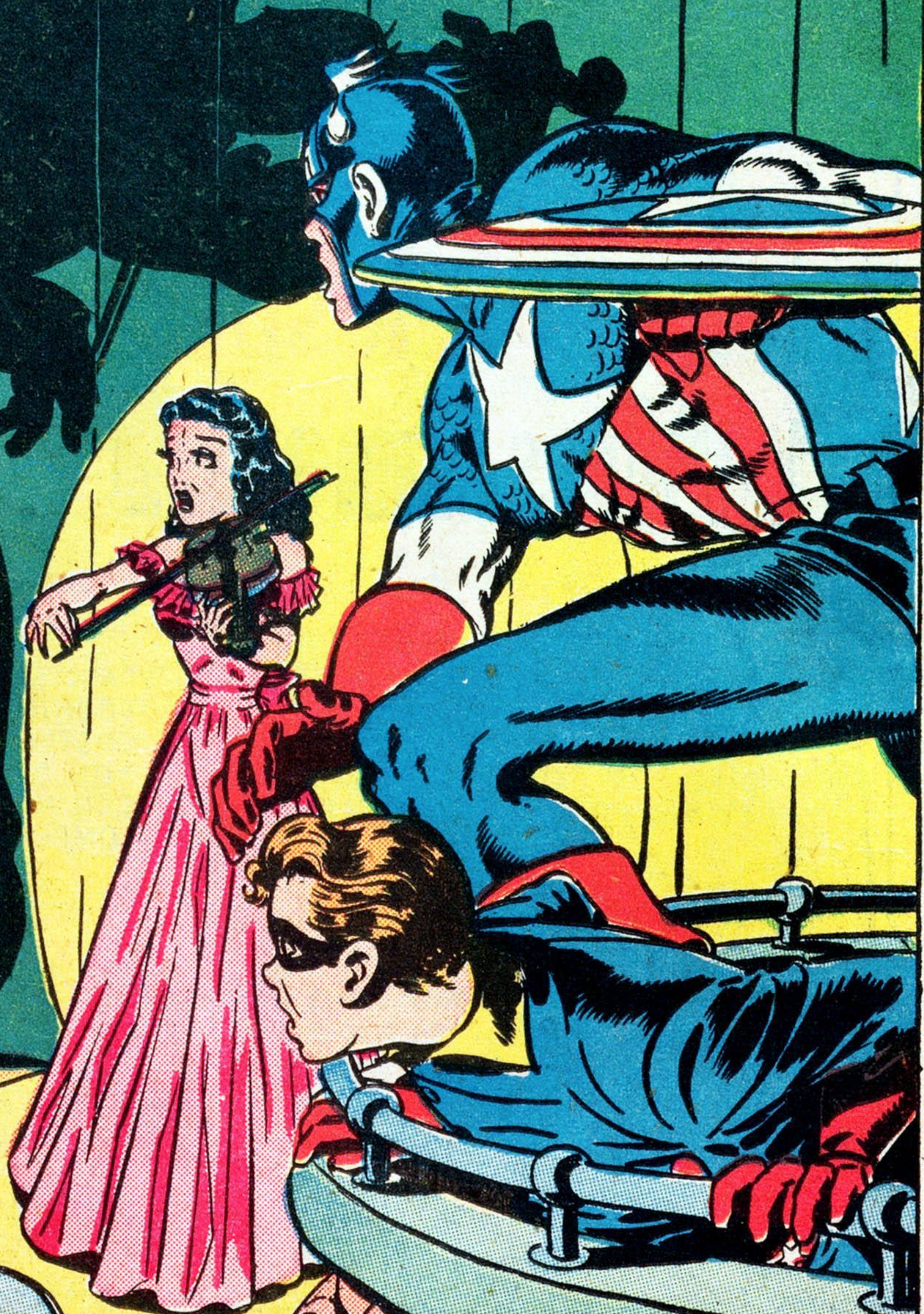
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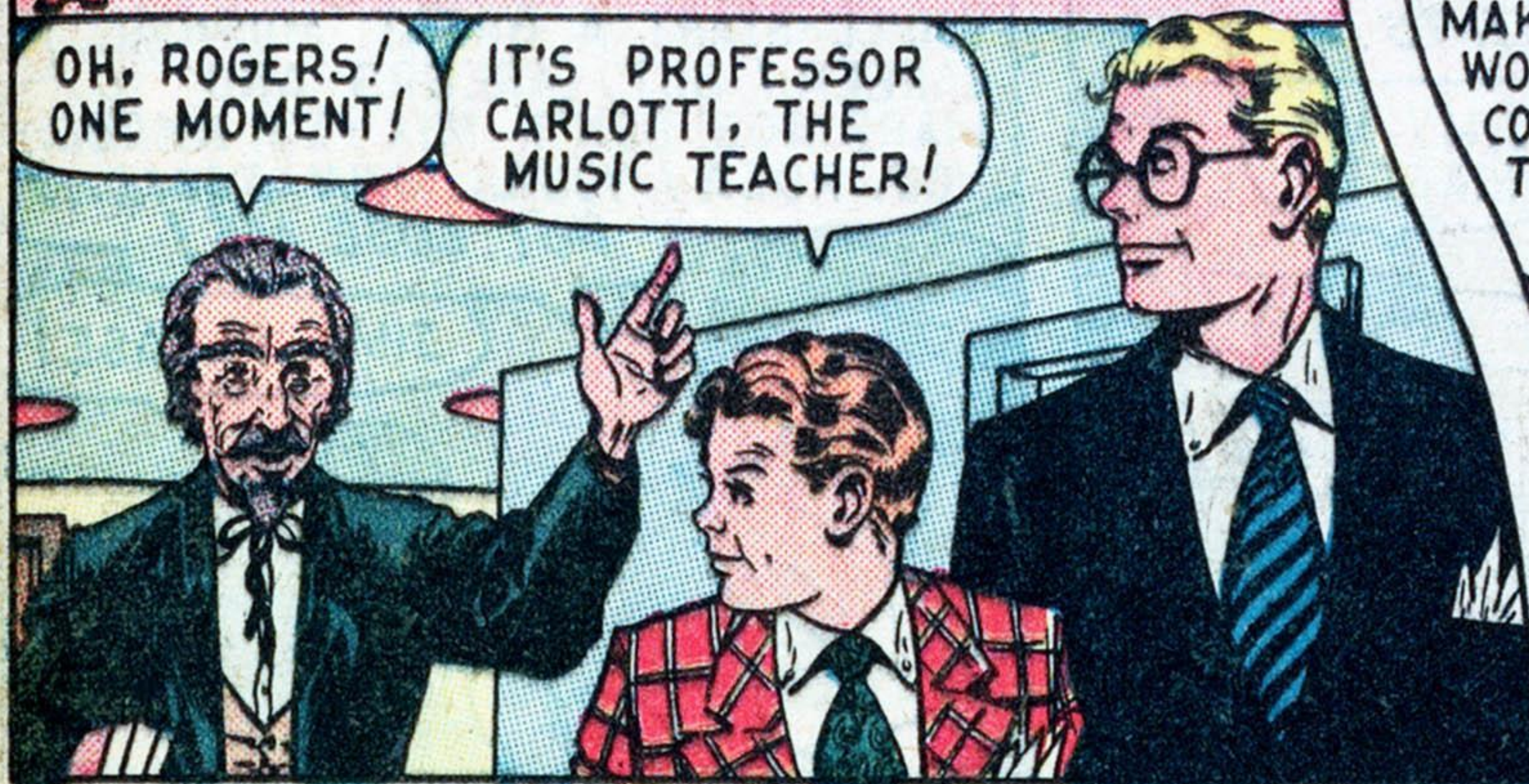
CAPTAIN AMERICA



A BEAUTIFUL GIRL BECOMES THE PAWN OF A MADMAN AS HE INVADES THE WORLD OF MUSIC WITH CRASHING CHORDS OF CRIME! BUT CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY PLAY SECOND FIDDLE TO NO ONE, AS THEY TRY TO STOP THE MAD MUSICIAN FROM PLAYING A...

Melody of HORROR!

A T THE LEE SCHOOL, CLASSES ARE OVER, WHEN...



OH, ROGERS!
ONE MOMENT!

IT'S PROFESSOR
CARLOTTI, THE
MUSIC TEACHER!

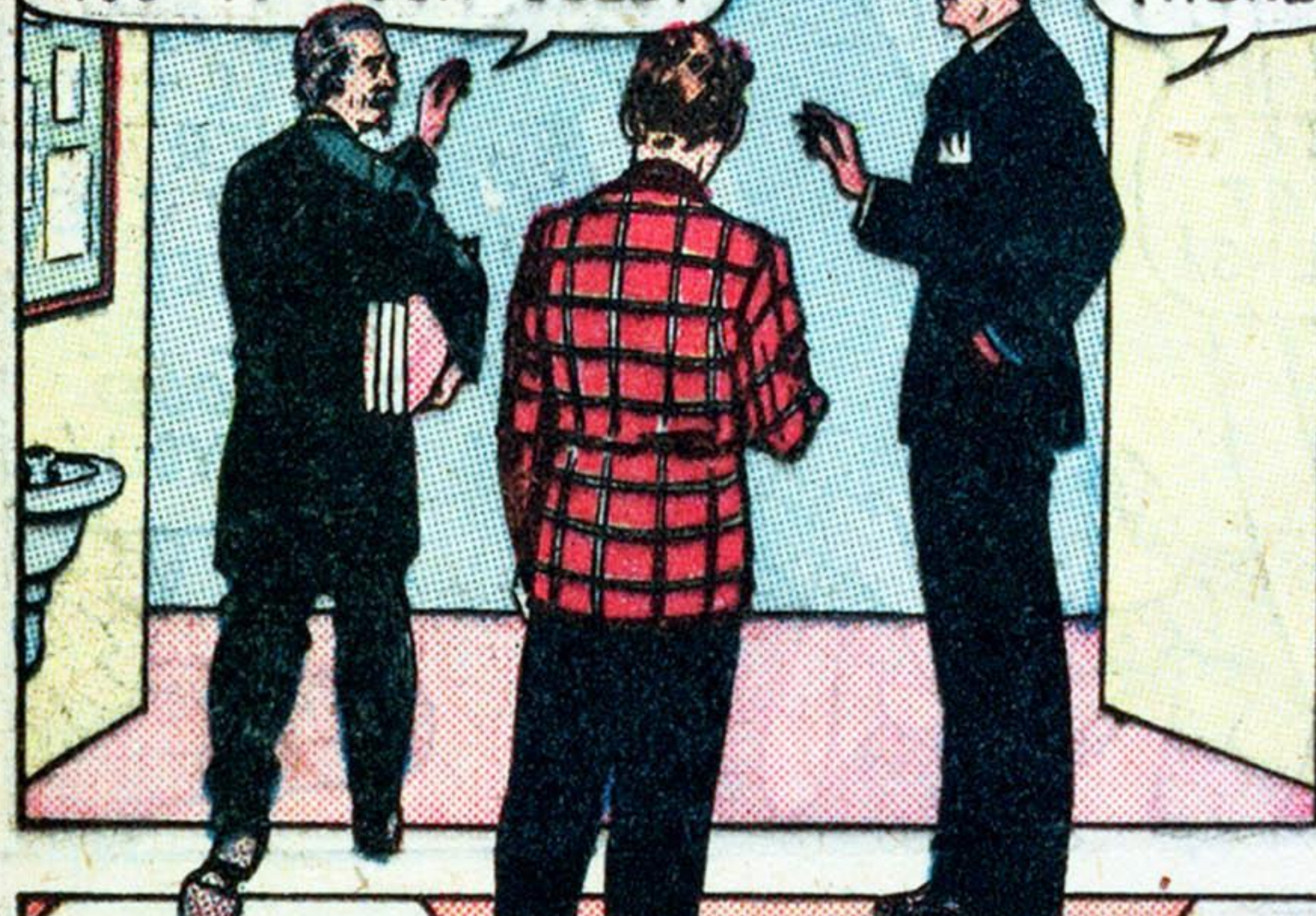
TONIGHT, MY STAR PUPIL, ROSA DELL,
MAKES HER DEBUT IN THE MUSIC
WORLD! HERE ARE TWO
COMPLIMENTARY
TICKETS FOR YOU
AND BUCKY!

THANKS,
PROFESSOR!



IT IS AT TOWN HALL! COME
BACKSTAGE BEFORE THE
CONCERT AND I'LL INTRODUCE
YOU TO ROSA DELL!

OKAY,
PROFESSOR!
WE'LL BE
THERE!



THAT EVENING...

STOP GRUMBLING, BUCKY!
YOU CAN STAND SOME
CULTURE!

AW, GEE! THIS IS
GONNA BE A
BORING EVENING,
LISTENING TO
HIGH-BROW
MUSIC!



AH, ROGERS!
COME IN! THIS
IS ROSA DELL!
AS YOU SEE,
SHE IS
BEAUTIFUL
AS WELL AS
TALENTED!

I WISH YOU
SUCCESS,
MISS
DELL!

AND THIS IS BORIS DUMARR!
HE IS...
UH...
DON'T BE ASHAMED,
PROFESSOR! I WAS
FORMALLY YOUR STAR
PUPIL, BUT I TURNED
OUT TO BE A SECOND
RATER! ROSA DELL
HAS FAR OUTSHONE
ME, AS A MUSICIAN!



I WISH YOU SUCCESS
TONIGHT, ROSA! I
WILL WATCH YOU
TAKE THE
ACCLAIM AND
HONOR THAT
CAN **NEVER**
BE MINE!

THAT'S SWEET OF YOU,
BORIS!

BUT NOW ANOTHER BACKSTAGE VISITOR ARRIVES, VOICING OTHER SENTIMENTS!

ROSA! ARE YOU GOING THROUGH WITH THIS? I WARNED YOU!

JIM! MY FIANCEE!

IF YOU MAKE A SUCCESS TONIGHT, YOU'LL START A GREAT MUSICAL CAREER! BUT CAREERS AND MARRIAGE DON'T MIX! I'M **WARNING** YOU, ROSA! YOU'LL **WIN FAME... BUT LOSE ME!**

JIM... PLEASE!

DON'T GO THROUGH WITH THIS, ROSA... OR ELSE!

I **MUST** GO THROUGH WITH IT, JIM! NO MATTER **WHAT** HAPPENS!

SOB!

FORGET THAT HOT-HEADED YOUNG FOOL! HE'LL GET OVER IT! AFTER THE CONCERT HE'LL BE **PROUD** OF YOU!

LOOK WHAT I BROUGHT YOU! MY OWN **STRADIVARIUS** VIOLIN! YOU WILL PLAY IT TONIGHT!

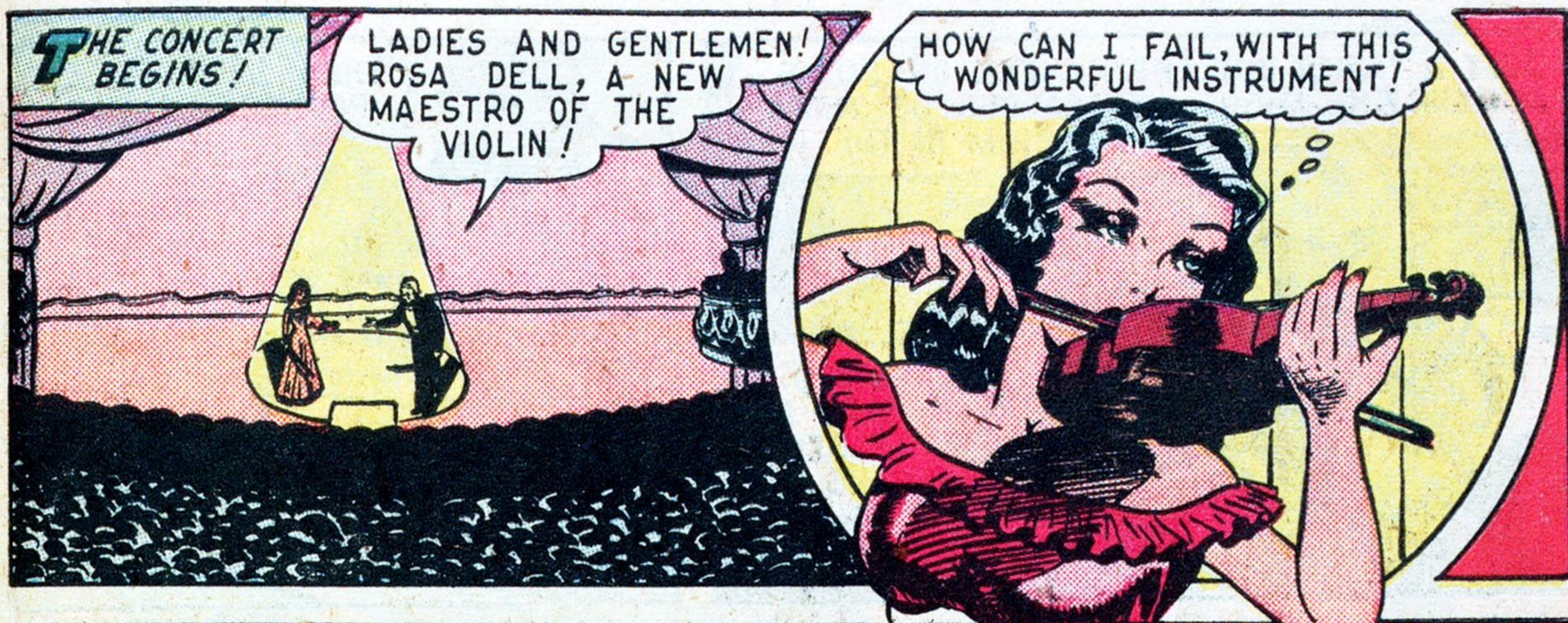
THE STRADIVARIUS! OH, PROFESSOR, THIS IS LIKE A DREAM!

WE'LL GO TO OUR BOX NOW, PROFESSOR!

YES! SOON YOU WILL HEAR THE GOLDEN TONES OF MY PRICELESS STRADIVARIUS, AS PLAYED BY A NEW GENIUS, ROSA DELL!

I SEE BORIS DUMARR IN THE NEXT BOX!

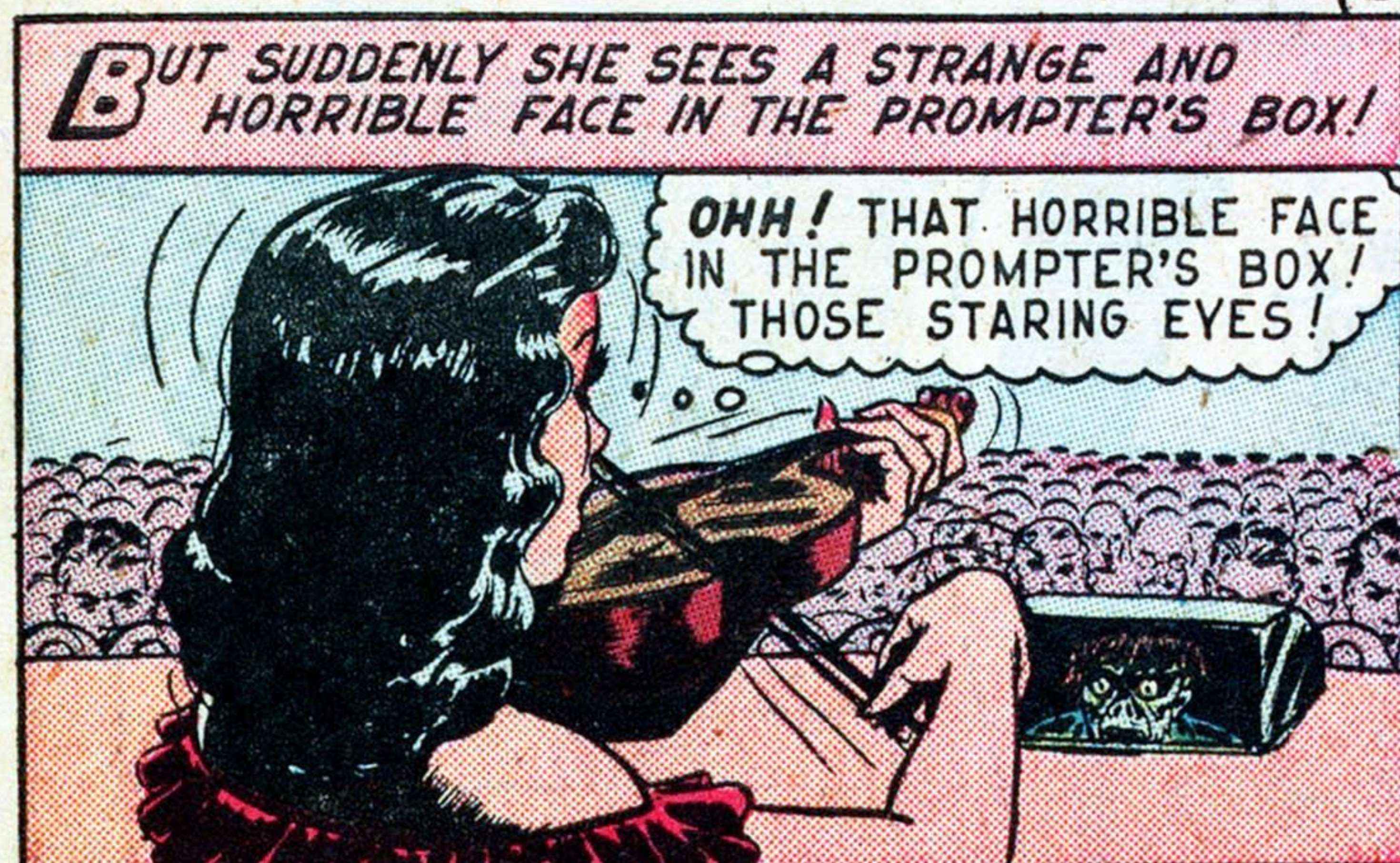
YES! BUT I DON'T SEE YOUNG JIM ANYWHERE! I HOPE HE DOESN'T DO SOMETHING FOOLISH!



THE CONCERT
BEGINS!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
ROSA DELL, A NEW
MAESTRO OF THE
VIOLIN!

HOW CAN I FAIL, WITH THIS
WONDERFUL INSTRUMENT!



BUT SUDDENLY SHE SEES A STRANGE AND
HORRIBLE FACE IN THE PROMPTER'S BOX!

OH! THAT HORRIBLE FACE
IN THE PROMPTER'S BOX!
THOSE STARING EYES!



LISTEN, ROSA! STARE INTO MY
EYES! YOU WILL FALTER NOW...
PLAY BADLY... RUIN THE
CONCERT!



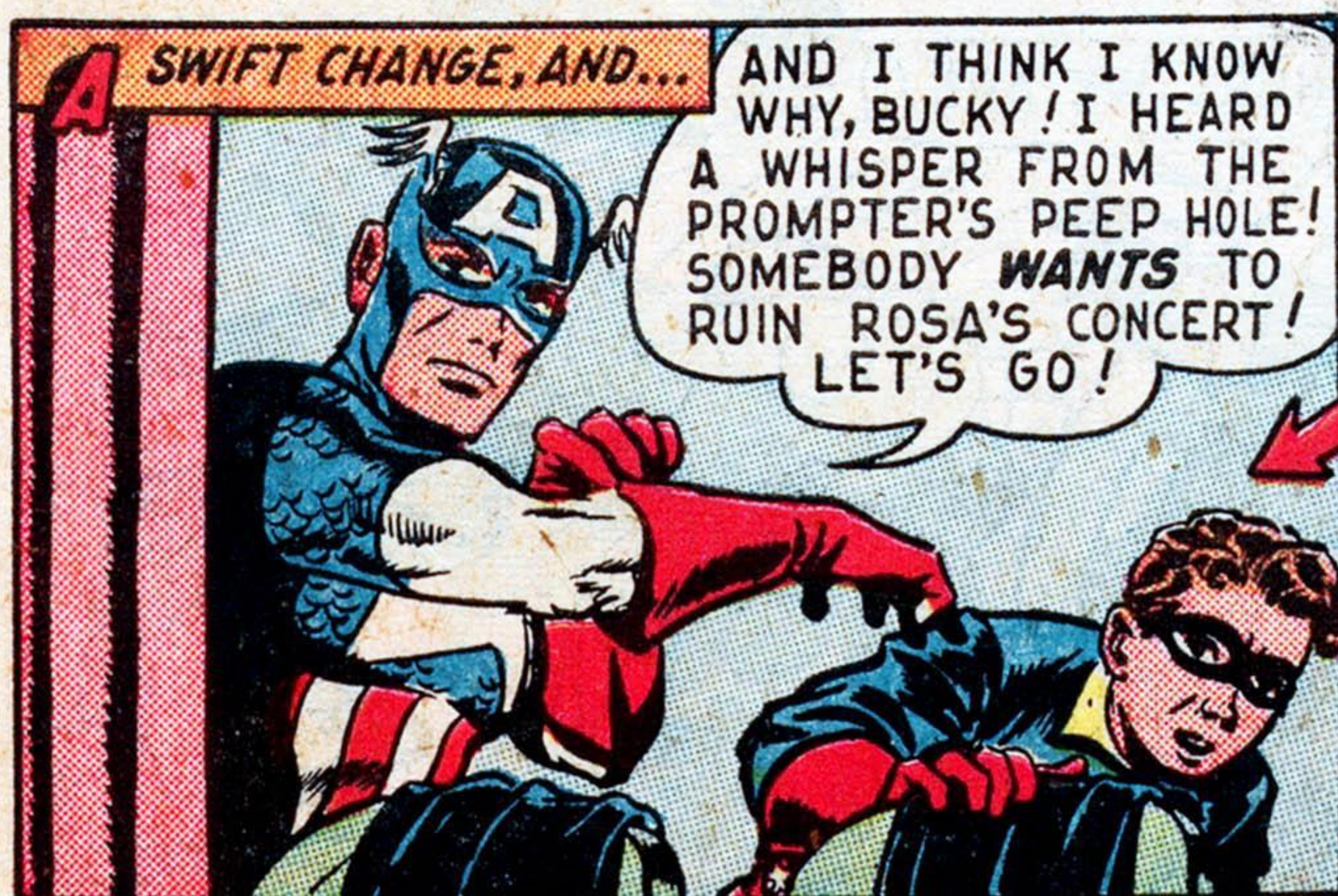
THOSE TERRIBLE EYES! I CAN'T LOOK
AWAY! I CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON MY
MUSIC!



I'M...I'M SORRY!
I CAN'T GO ON!

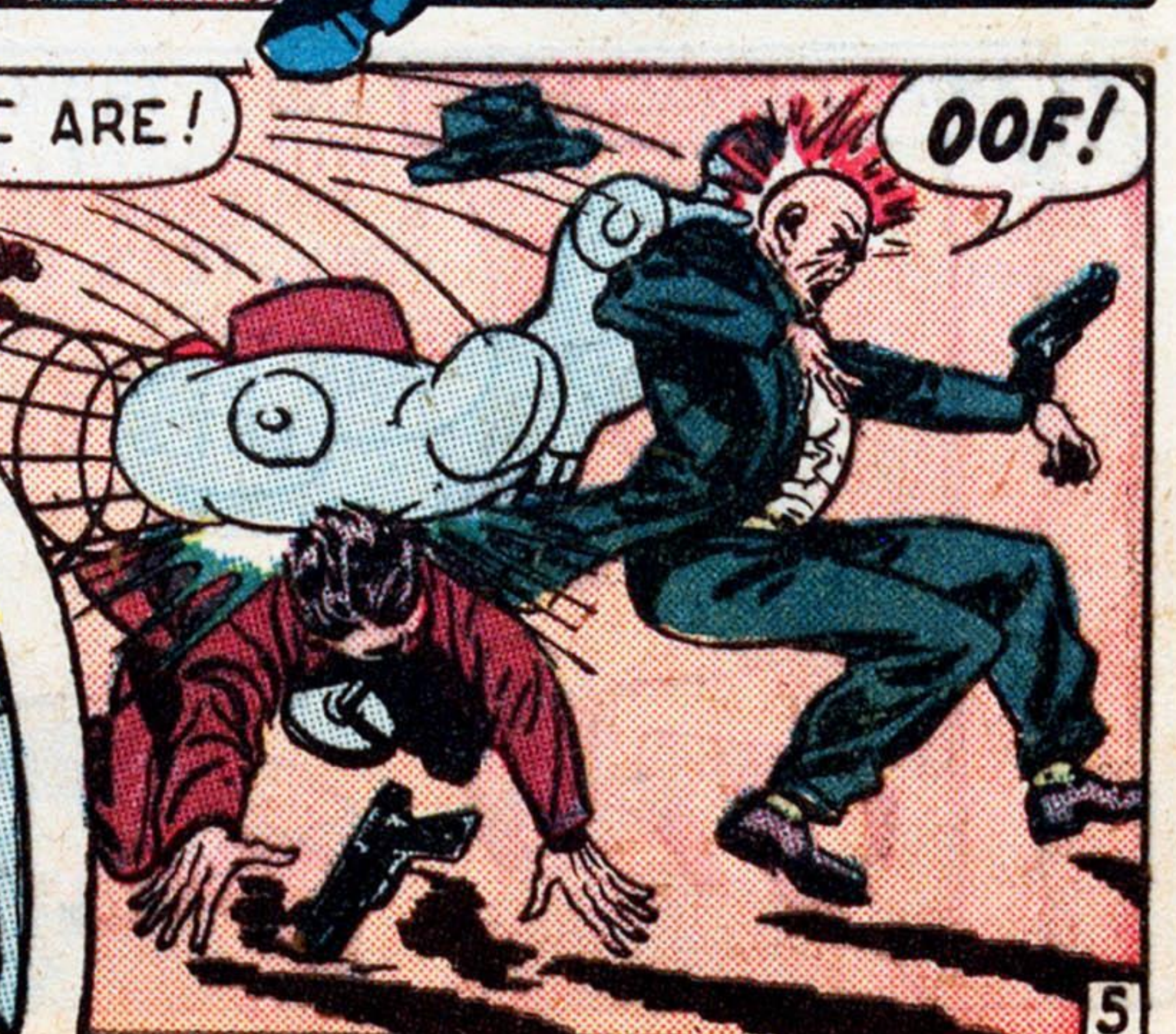
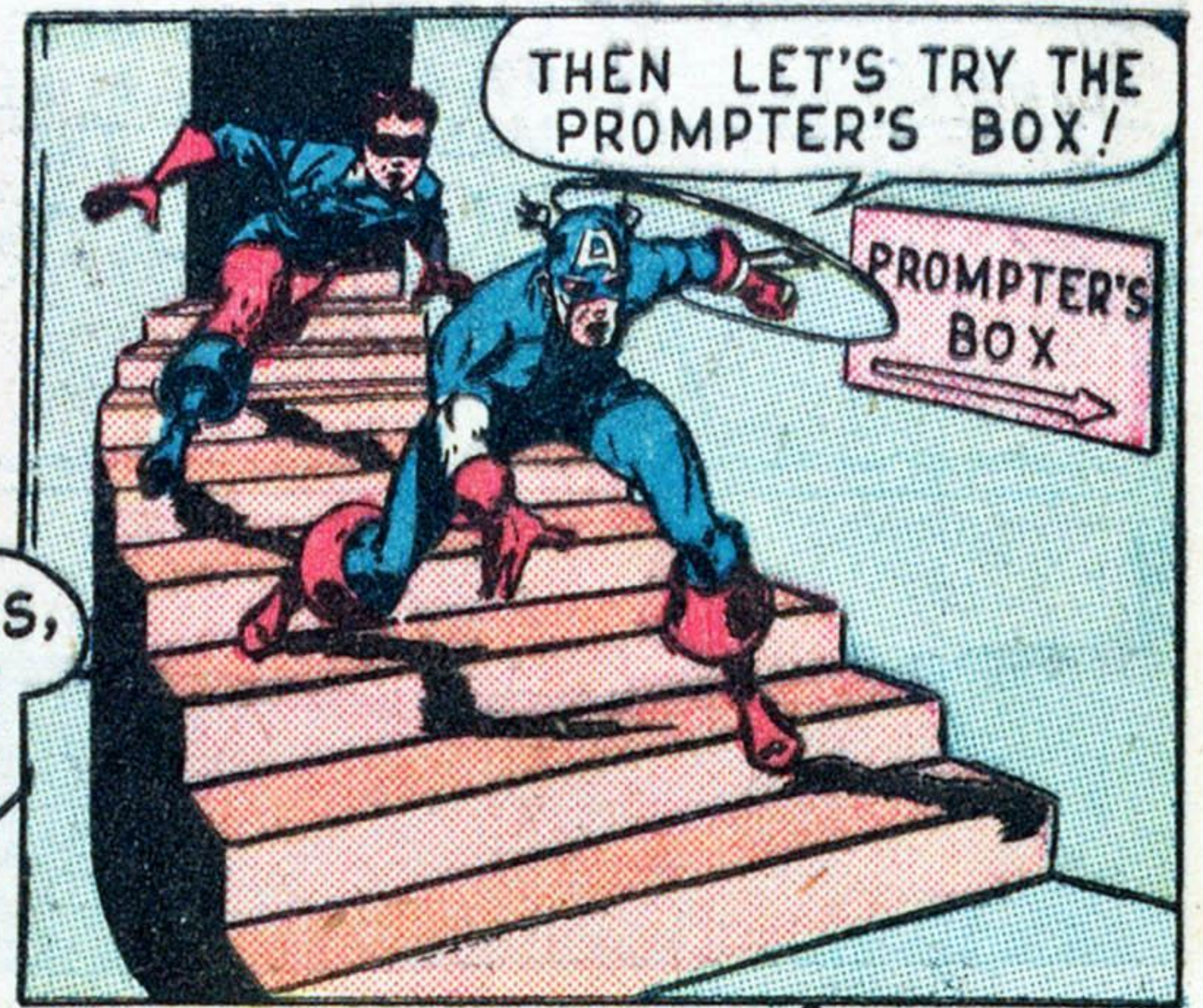
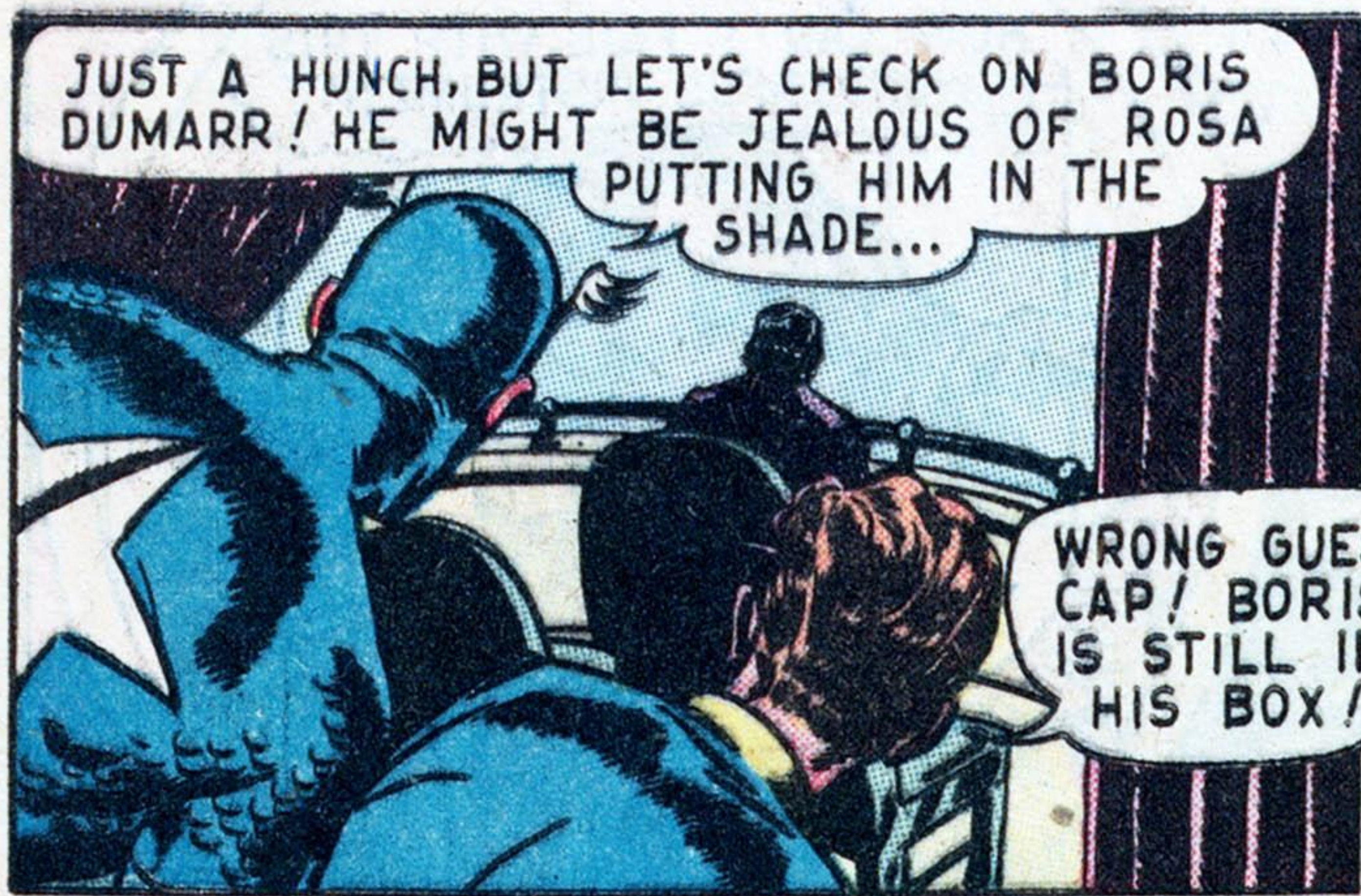
ROSA! WHAT'S
WRONG? THIS
WILL RUIN THE
CONCERT!

HOLY
SMOKE!
SHE
STOPPED
PLAYING!



A SWIFT CHANGE, AND...

AND I THINK I KNOW
WHY, BUCKY! I HEARD
A WHISPER FROM THE
PROMPTER'S PEEP HOLE!
SOMEBODY **WANTS** TO
RUIN ROSA'S CONCERT!
LET'S GO!



THE STAR-
SPANGLED
FIGHTERS
FOLLOW
UP
THEIR
RUSE
WITH
HARD
FISTS!

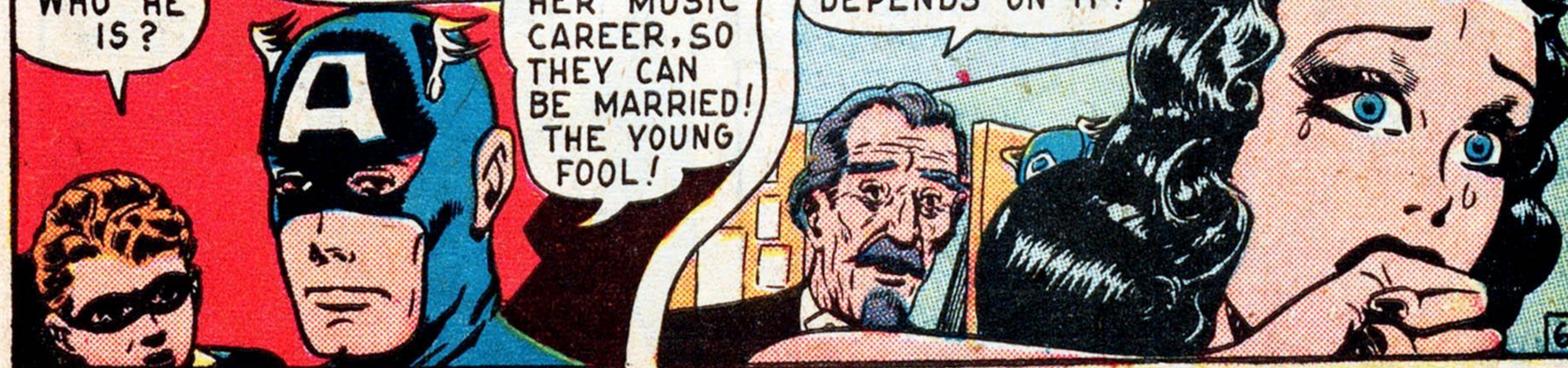


THOSE THUGS
CALLED HIM
THE "MAD
MUSICIAN"!
WONDER
WHO HE
IS?

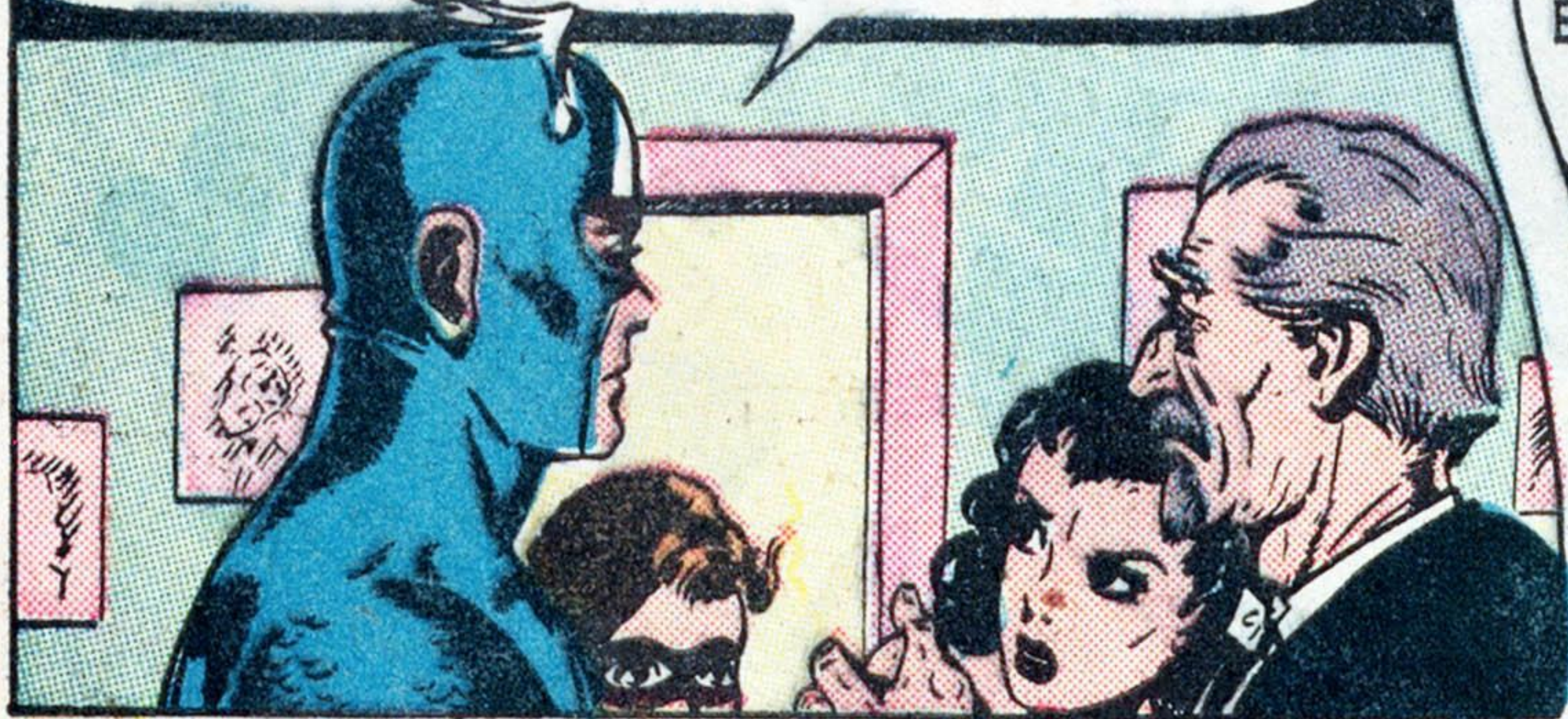
I'M AFRAID THERE'S
ONLY ONE ANSWER. BUCKY—
JIM—WEARING A DISGUISE!
HE MADE THREATS TO
ROSA! HE WANTS TO RUIN
HER MUSIC CAREER, SO
THEY CAN
BE MARRIED!
THE YOUNG
FOOL!

MINUTES LATER...
I TOLD THE AUDIENCE TO
WAIT! YOU **MUST** GO ON!
YOUR WHOLE FUTURE
DEPENDS ON IT!

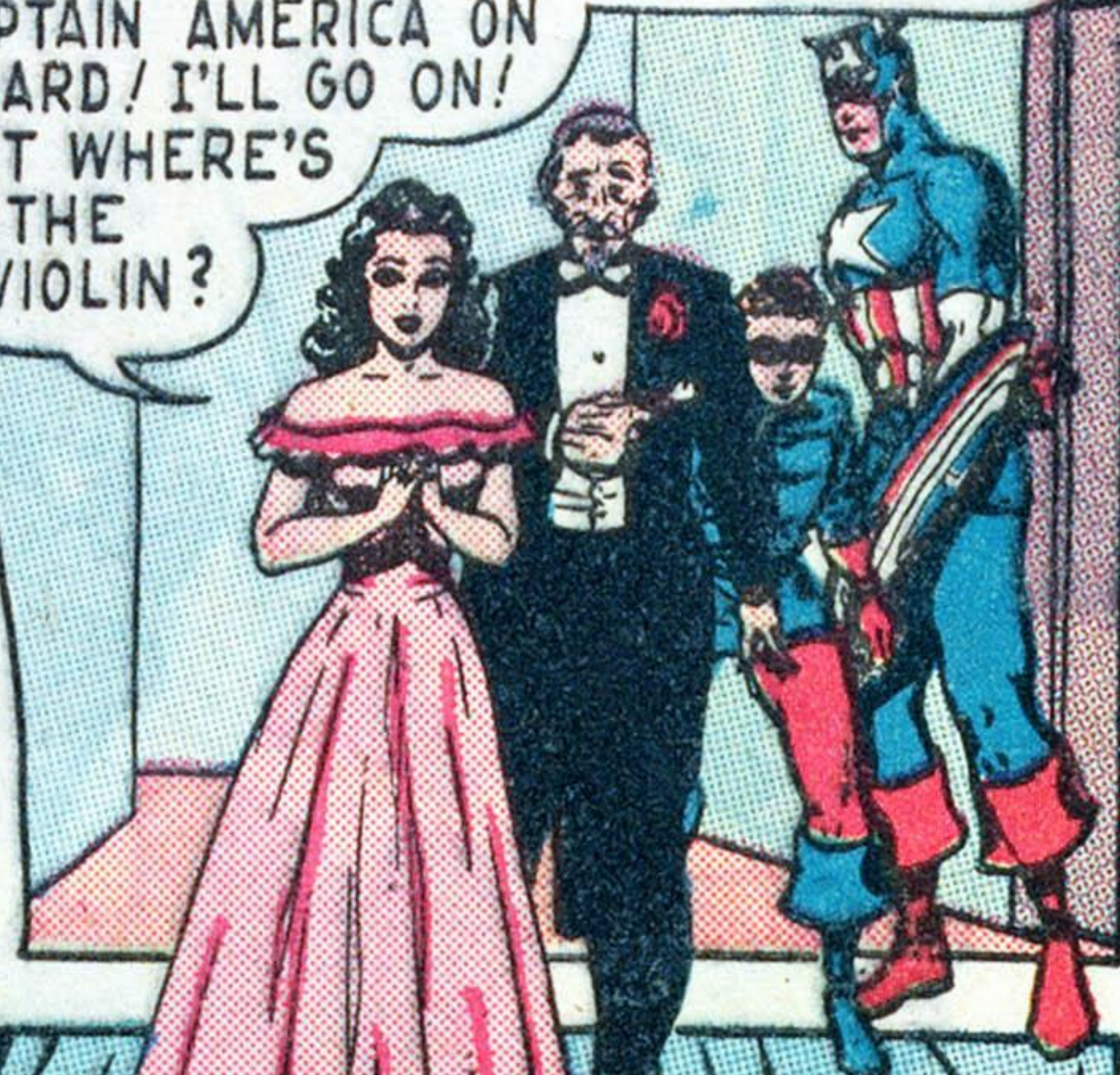
BUT THAT
HORRIBLE FACE!
THOSE STARING
EYES!



I'M CAPTAIN AMERICA! I CHASED THE MAD MUSICIAN, BUT HE GOT AWAY! BUT I'LL BE ON GUARD AGAINST HIM! GO ON WITH THE CONCERT, MISS DELL!



THAT GIVES ME NEW COURAGE, WITH CAPTAIN AMERICA ON GUARD! I'LL GO ON! BUT WHERE'S THE VIOLIN?



OH, HERE IT IS! I'M READY TO GO ON, PROFESSOR CARLOTTI!

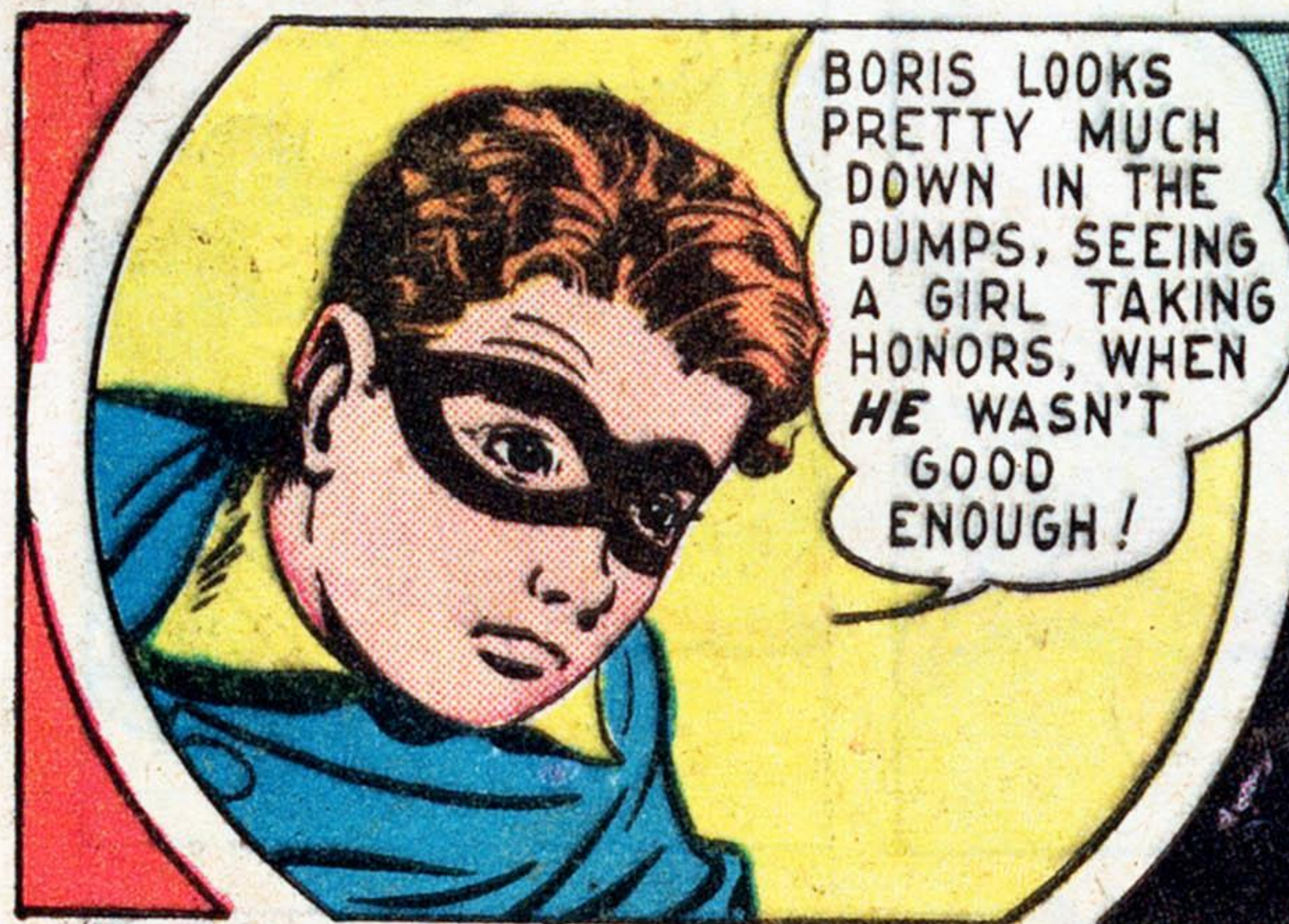
GOOD! NOW YOU WILL SWEEP THEM OFF THEIR FEET, MAKING THEM FORGET THE INTERRUPTION!



WE WON'T CHANGE BACK, BUCKY—JUST IN CASE!

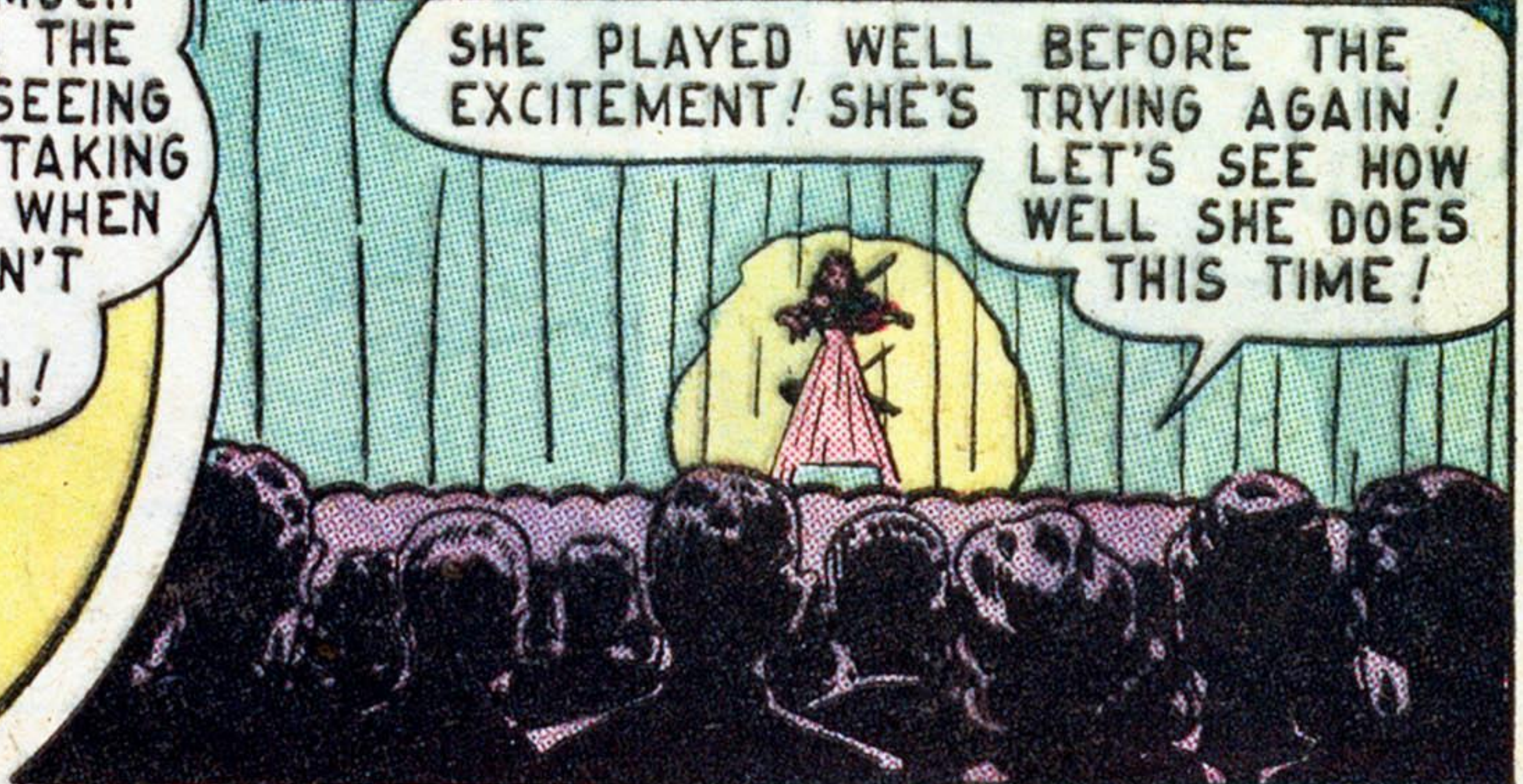


BORIS LOOKS PRETTY MUCH DOWN IN THE DUMPS, SEEING A GIRL TAKING HONORS, WHEN HE WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH!



THE GIRL GENIUS BEGINS AGAIN!

SHE PLAYED WELL BEFORE THE EXCITEMENT! SHE'S TRYING AGAIN! LET'S SEE HOW WELL SHE DOES THIS TIME!



BUT AGAIN, INFERIOR TONES COME FROM THE VIOLIN!

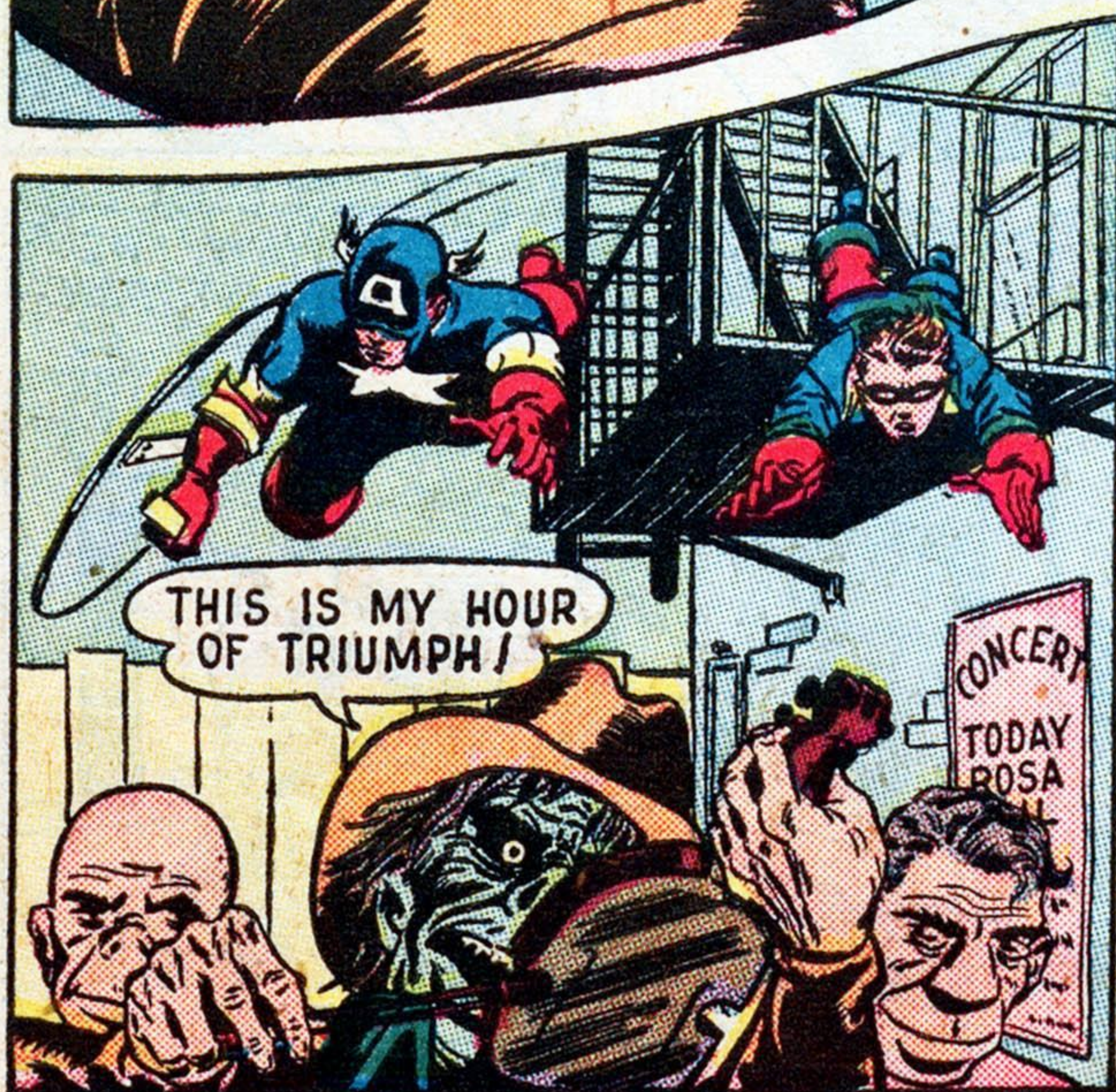
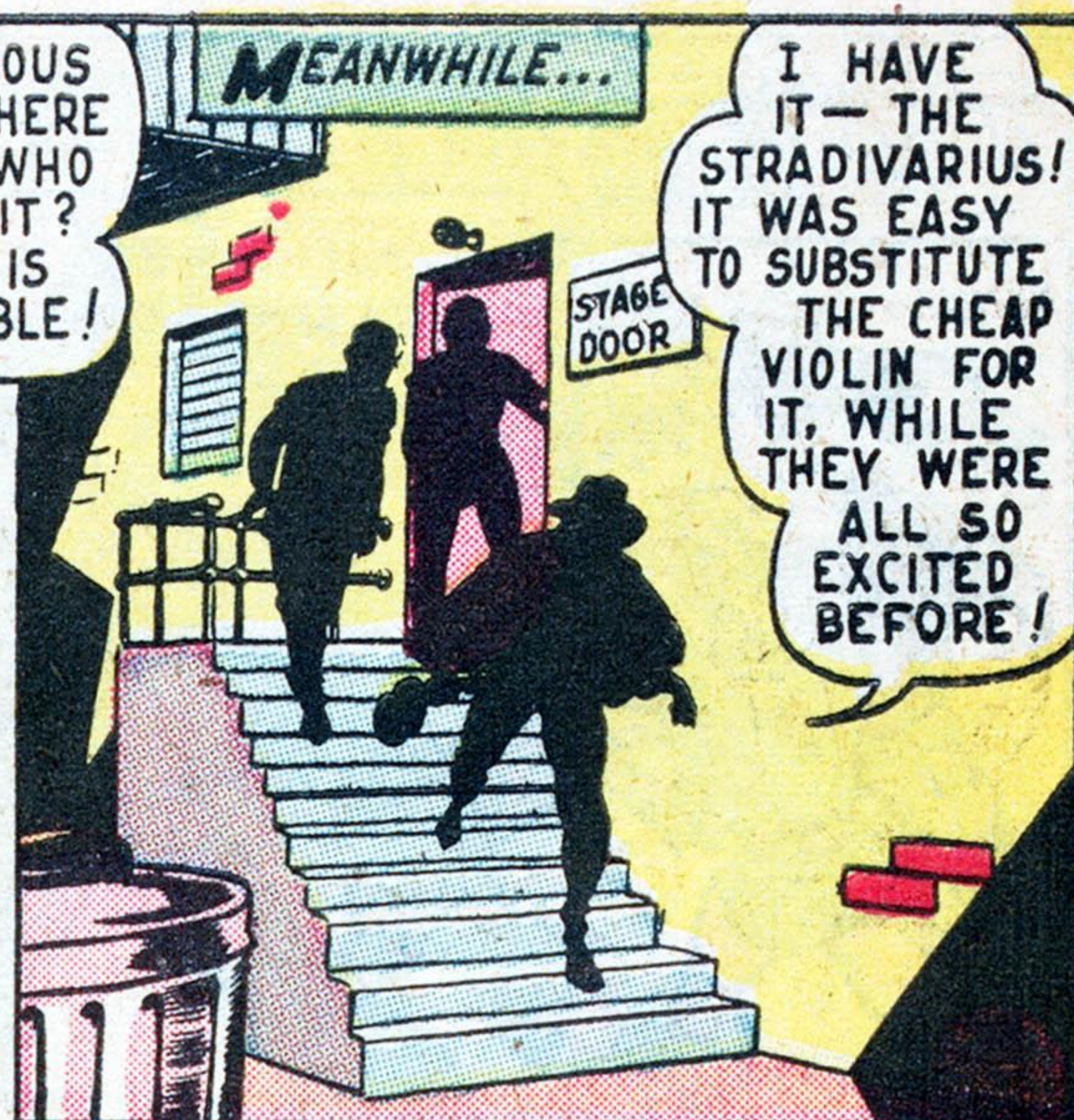
WHAT'S WRONG? THE TONES ARE TERRIBLE! YET I'M PLAYING MY BEST!

SCRATCH!
SQUEAK!



GOOD HEAVENS! THIS *ISN'T* THE STRADIVARIUS! IT'S SOME CHEAP OLD INSTRUMENT WITH A TERRIBLE TONE!





THE DYNAMIC DUO SMASHES FULL FORCE INTO THE HENCHMEN OF THE VILLAINOUS MAD MUSICIAN!

THAT FINISHES THESE TWO APES OFF!

SOCK!

BONG!

RUN HIM DOWN, BUCKY!

BLAST THEM! I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE!

PURSUED HOTLY, THE MAD MUSICIAN RESORTS TO A DESPERATE RUSE!

I'LL SIDE-TRACK THEM! THIS STRADIVARIUS IS WORTH \$50,000! I'LL FLING IT AWAY!

HOLY MACKEREL! LET HIM GO, BUCKY! WE CAN'T LET THAT VIOLIN FALL AND SMASH TO BITS!

GOT IT!

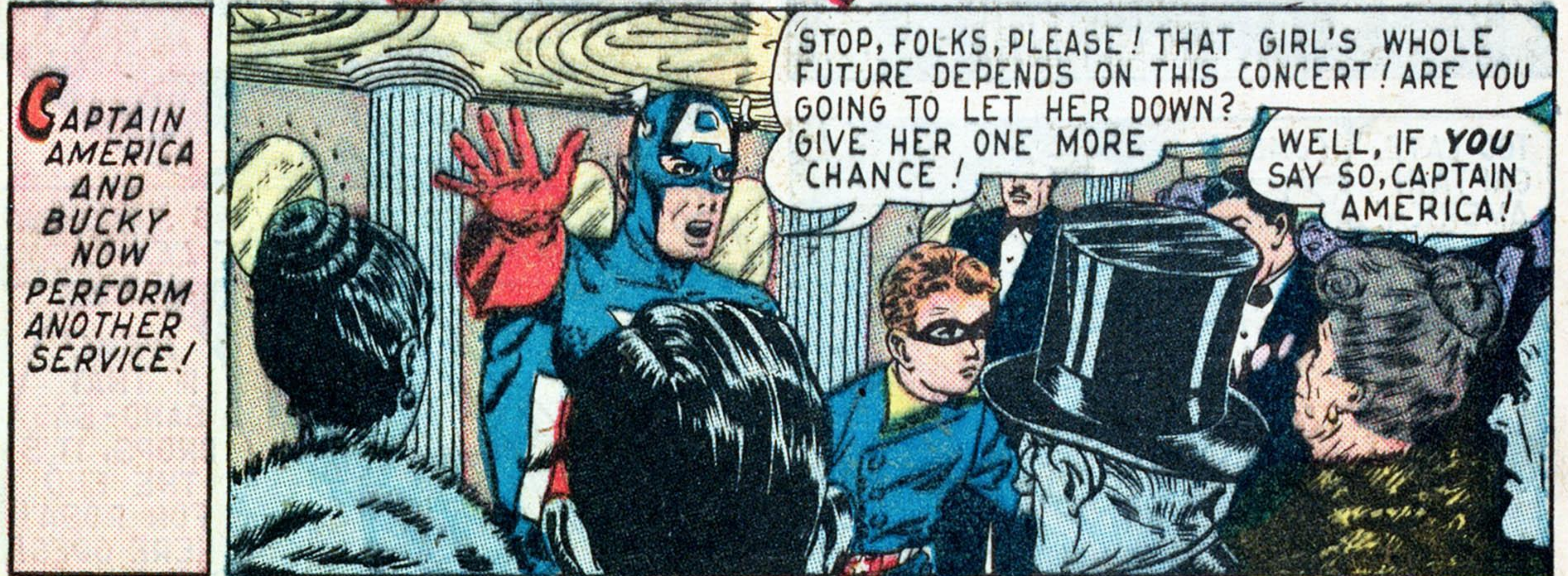
WHEW! WE ALMOST SAW \$50,000 GO DOWN THE DRAIN!



THAT GAVE THE
MAD MUSICIAN
HIS CHANCE TO
LAM!

SLIPPERY CUSTOMER!
WELL ANYWAY, ROSA
CAN FINISH THE
CONCERT WITH THE
STRADIVARIUS!

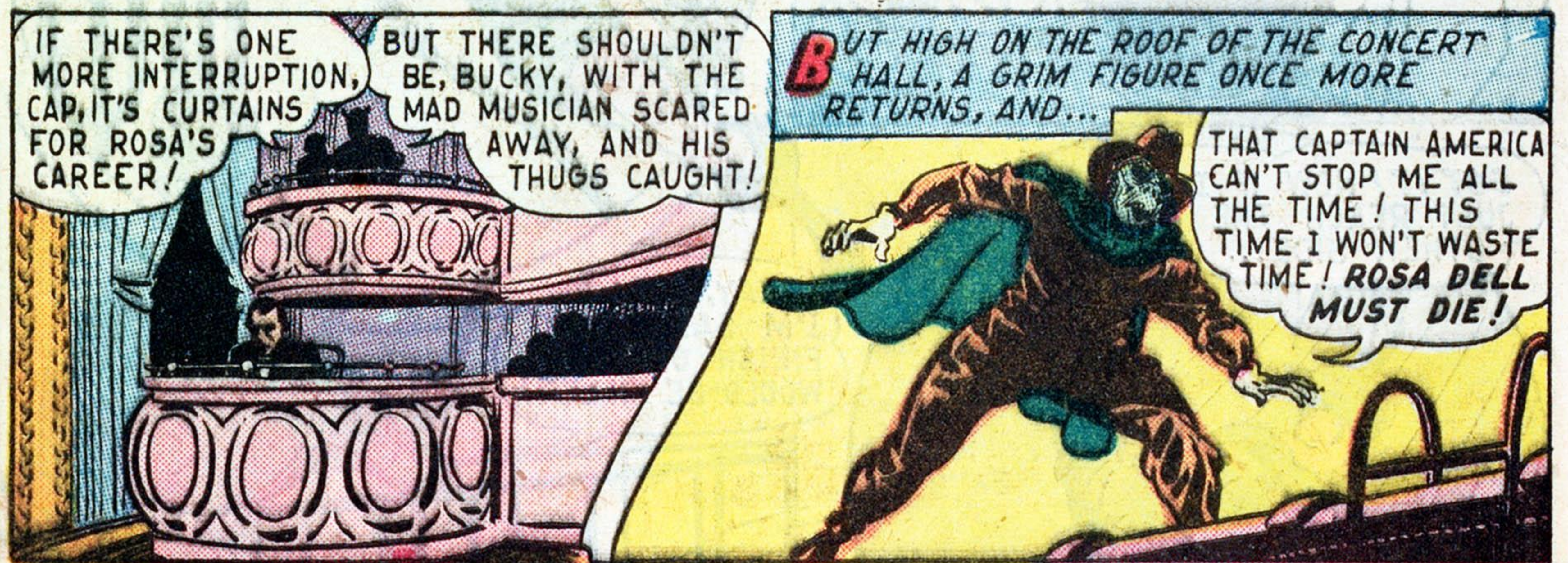
HERE'S THE STRADIVARIUS, ROSA!
NOW GO ON WITH
THE CONCERT!
BUT LOOK!
MOST OF THE
CROWD IS LEAVING
AFTER TWO
INTERRUPTIONS!



CAPTAIN
AMERICA
AND
BUCKY
NOW
PERFORM
ANOTHER
SERVICE!

STOP, FOLKS, PLEASE! THAT GIRL'S WHOLE
FUTURE DEPENDS ON THIS CONCERT! ARE YOU
GOING TO LET HER DOWN?
GIVE HER ONE MORE
CHANCE!

WELL, IF **YOU**
SAY SO, CAPTAIN
AMERICA!

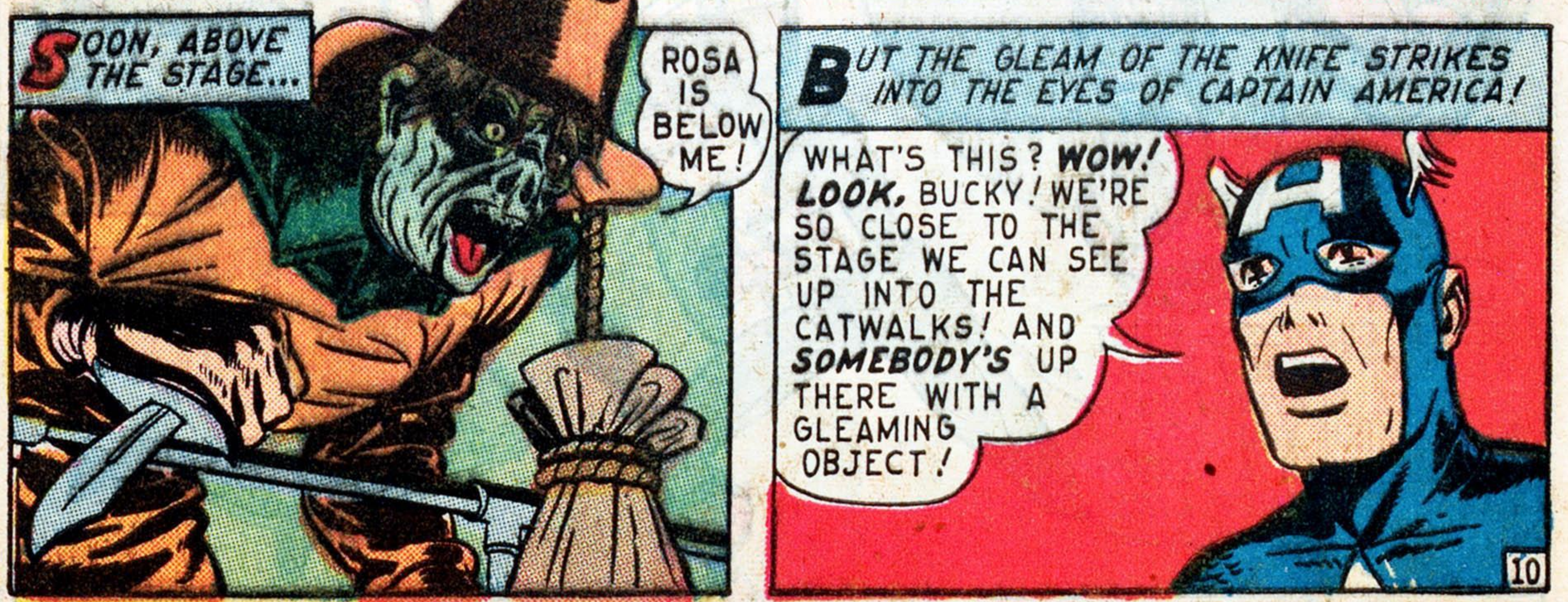


IF THERE'S ONE
MORE INTERRUPTION,
CAP, IT'S CURTAINS
FOR ROSA'S
CAREER!

BUT THERE SHOULDN'T
BE, BUCKY, WITH THE
MAD MUSICIAN SCARED
AWAY, AND HIS
THUGS CAUGHT!

BUT HIGH ON THE ROOF OF THE CONCERT
HALL, A GRIM FIGURE ONCE MORE
RETURNS, AND...

THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA
CAN'T STOP ME ALL
THE TIME! THIS
TIME I WON'T WASTE
TIME! **ROSA DELL
MUST DIE!**



SOON, ABOVE
THE STAGE...

ROSA
IS
BELOW
ME!

BUT THE GLEAM OF THE KNIFE STRIKES
INTO THE EYES OF CAPTAIN AMERICA!

WHAT'S THIS? **WOW!**
LOOK, BUCKY! WE'RE
SO CLOSE TO THE
STAGE WE CAN SEE
UP INTO THE
CATWALKS! AND
SOMEBODY'S UP
THERE WITH A
GLEAMING
OBJECT!

WASTING NO TIME, THE CRIME-CRUSHING PAIR DASHES BACKSTAGE, AND UP INTO THE DIZZY HEIGHTS ABOVE THE STAGE!

HOLY COW!
IT'S THE MAD
MUSICIAN! HE
CAME BACK!

ROSA IS RIGHT UNDER THIS
SAND-BAG! I'LL CUT THE
ROPE, AND...

GOT
TO
STOP
HIM!

TOO LATE,
CAPTAIN
AMERICA!

(GASP!)

BUT BUCKY SEES THE FALLING SAND-BAG
AND MAKES A DESPERATE LEAP!

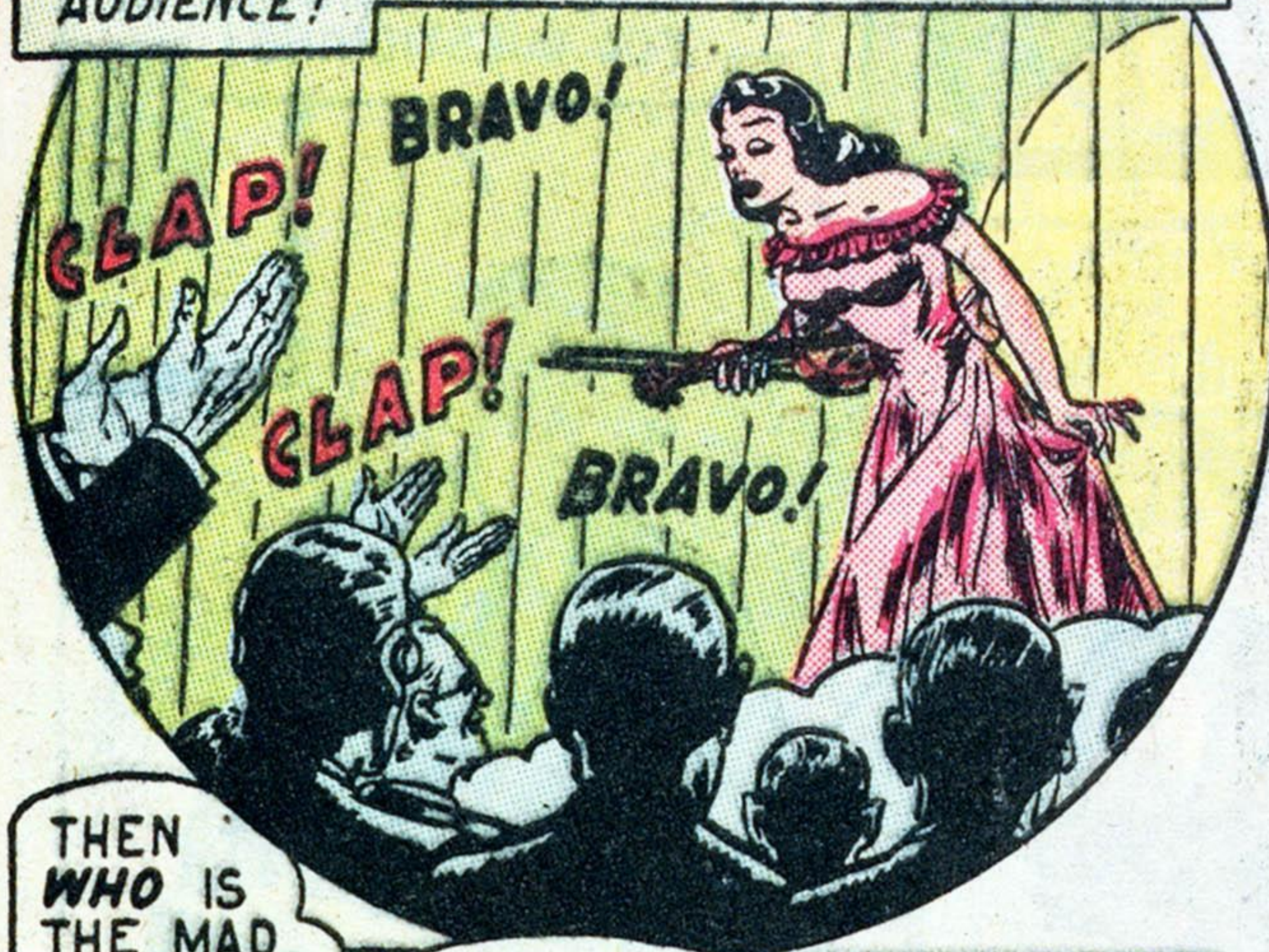
WOW!
IF THAT
SAND-BAG
DROPS, IT'S
THE END
FOR ROSA!
HERE GOES!

GOT IT! NOW IF I CAN
JUST REACH THE
OTHER SIDE...

OKAY, CAP!
I'M SAFE! NOW
FINISH OFF THAT
WOULD-BE KILLER!

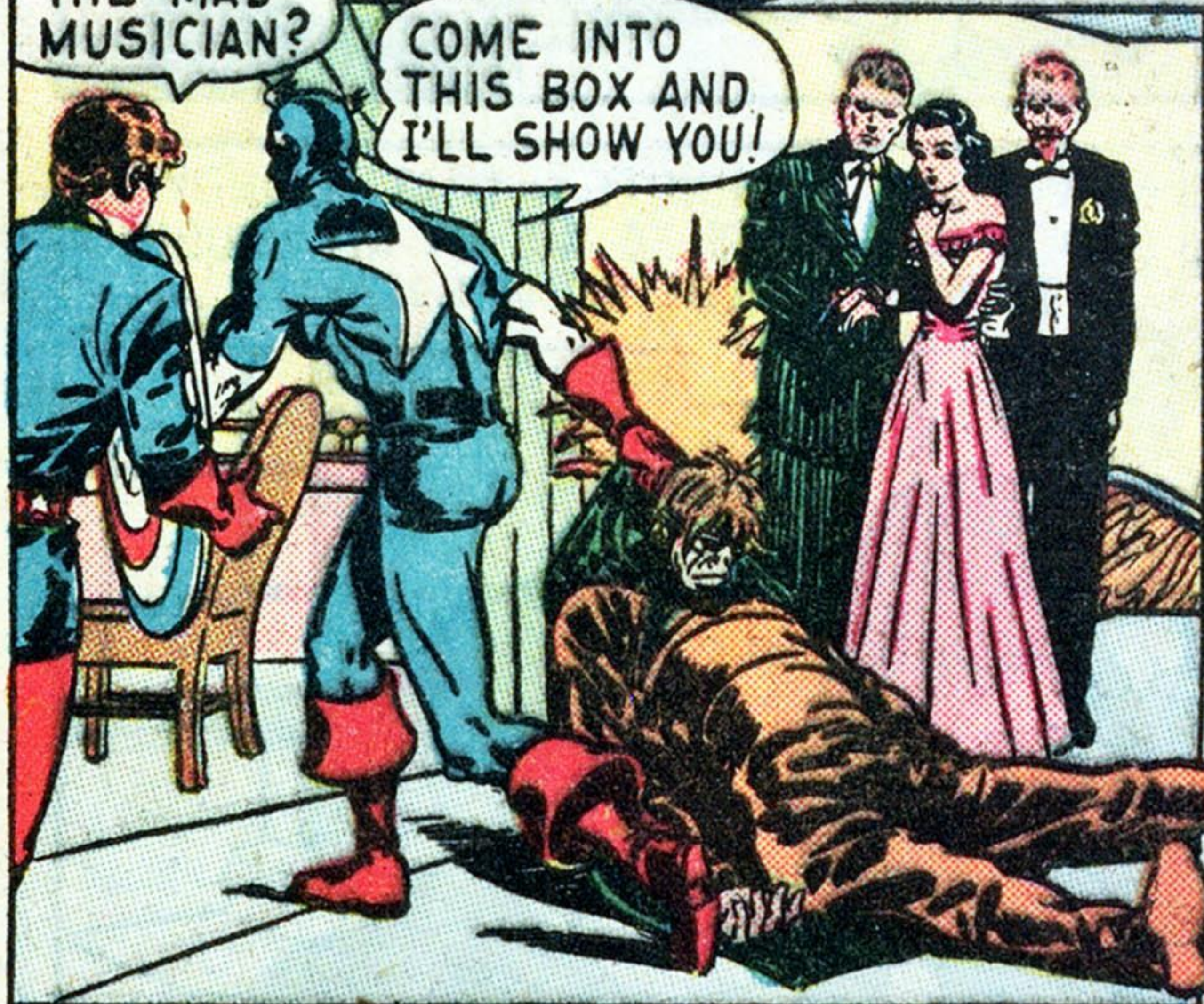
NOBODY
BELOW SUSPECTS WHAT
WENT ON HERE! ROSA
IS **STILL** PLAYING! SO
I'LL FINISH YOU OFF
QUIETLY WITH A NERVE-
PARALYZING CHOP, **LIKE
THIS!**

ROSA FINISHES HER CONCERT, AND A NEW MUSICAL ARTIST IS BORN, TO THE ENTHUSIASTIC ACCLAIM OF THE ENRAPTURED AUDIENCE!



THEN WHO IS THE MAD MUSICIAN?

COME INTO THIS BOX AND I'LL SHOW YOU!



AND THE FIRST TO RUSH AND CONGRATULATE HER...

ROSA, DARLING! YOU'RE A GREAT **SUCCESS!** I'M SO **PROUD** OF YOU! I CAME BACK FOR THE FINALE! FORGIVE ME FOR BEING A FOOL!



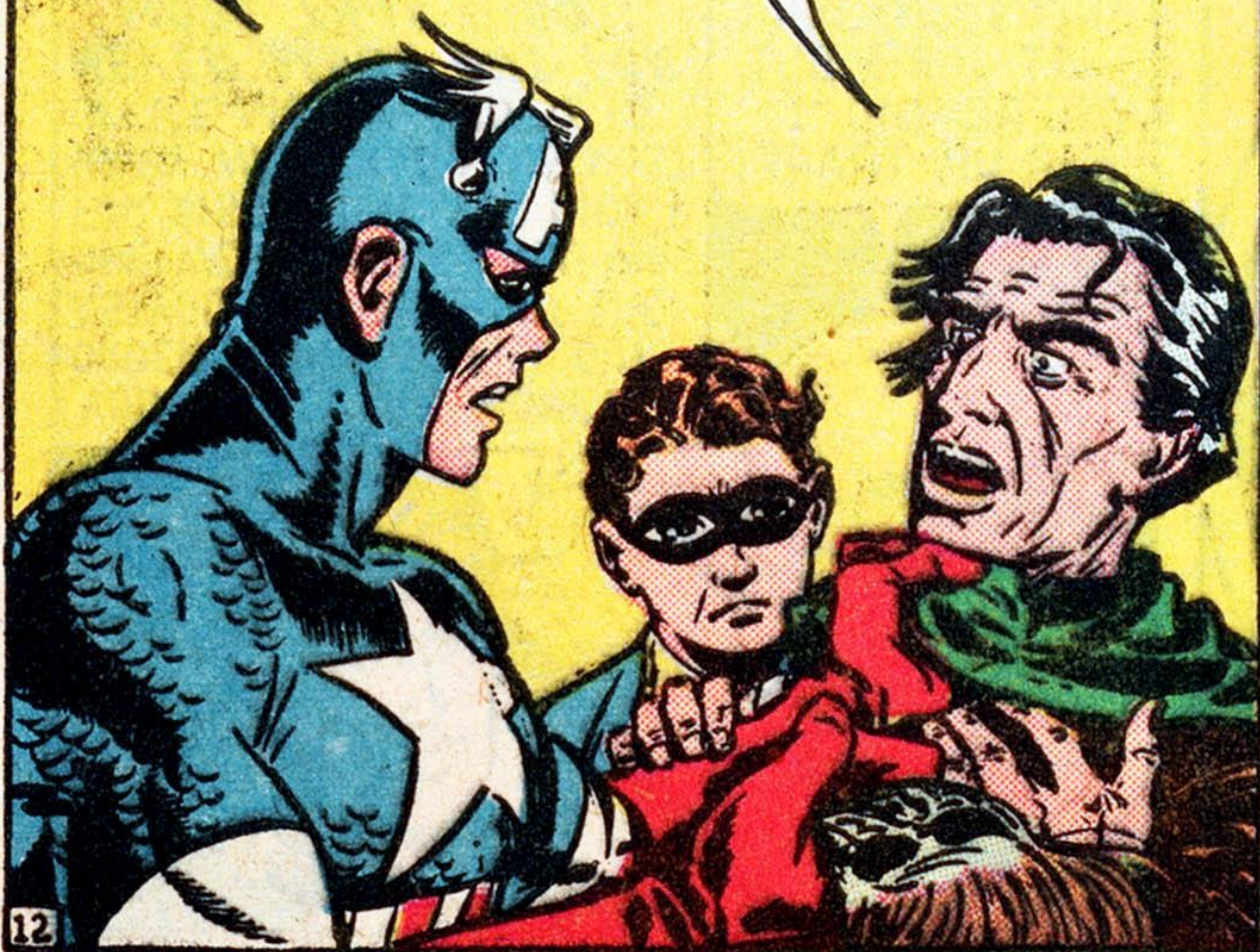
CAP, THERE'S JIM!

SEE? WE SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED THIS BEFORE! THIS WAS ONLY A **DUMMY** OF BORIS DUMARR! HE **NEVER CHANGED POSITION** THROUGH THE WHOLE CONCERT AND ALL THE EXCITEMENT!



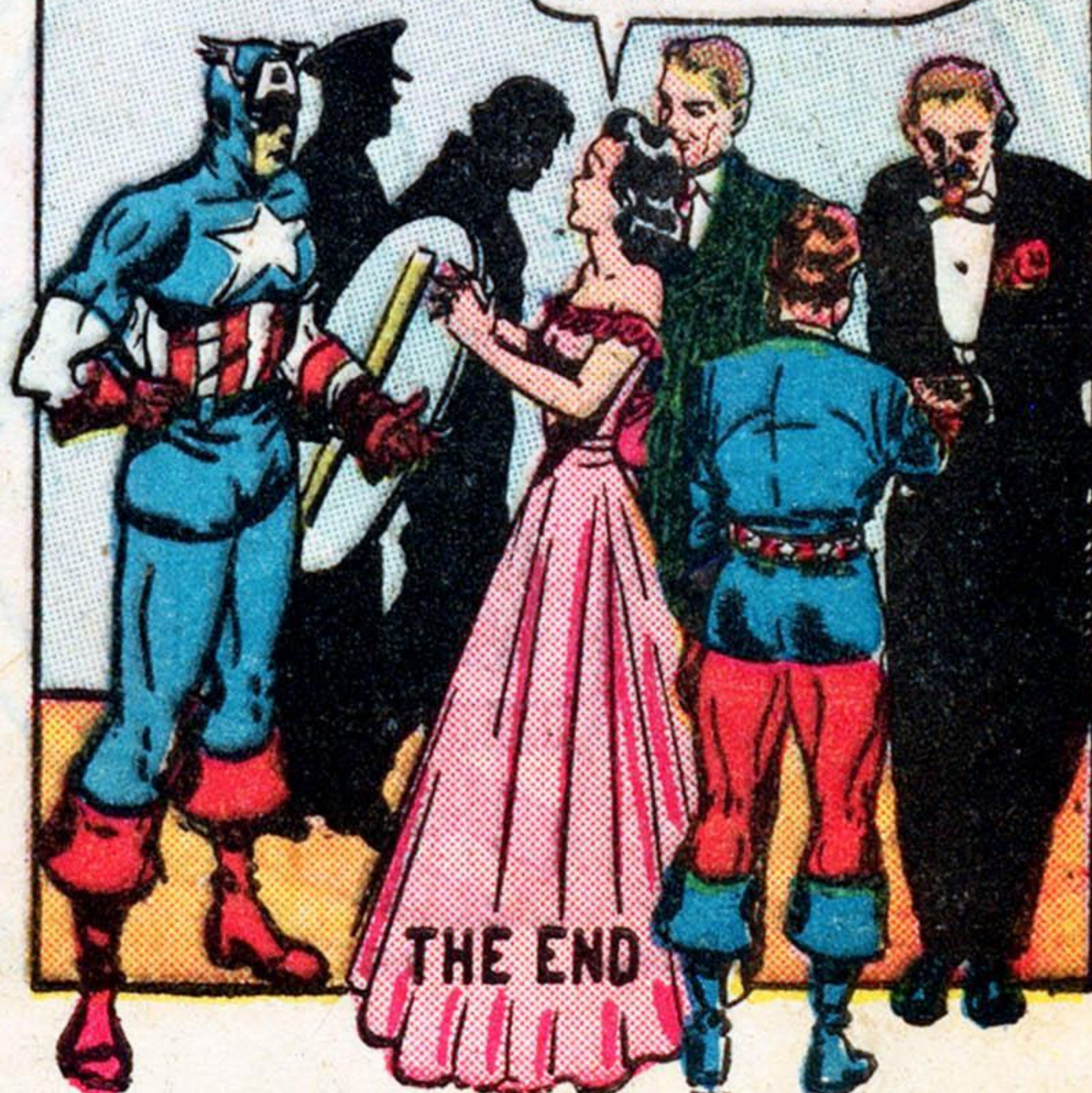
AND **BORIS** PLAYED THE PART OF THE MAD MUSICIAN!

ALL RIGHT, YOU'VE GOT ME! I WAS JEALOUS OF ROSA, FOR SHOWING ME UP AS A SECOND-RATE MUSICIAN! I WAS DETERMINED TO RUIN HER CONCERT!



HE HIRED THE THUGS AND PROMISED THEM THE STRADIVARIUS! BORIS DIDN'T WANT THE PRICELESS VIOLIN. HE ONLY WANTED TO RUIN ROSA'S CAREER!

SO I REALLY OWE MY SUCCESSFUL DEBUT TO **YOU!** THANK YOU!



THE END

LET'S PLAY
DETECTIVE
STARRING DETECTIVE MIKE TRAPP

"GANGSTER'S GREED!"

YES, PEPPER-- IT LOOKS LIKE JOEY MORGAN'S HANDIWORK! I'M GOING TO HAVE HIM HAULED IN FOR QUESTIONING!



AND IN THE OFFICE OF DETECTIVE MICHAEL TRAPP...



ANY IDEA WHO PULLED THE JOB, MIKE?



SOON...

WE FOUND THIS STUFF ON HIM-- KEYS, A ROLL OF BILLS, AND A MONEY ORDER FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$150!

NOW WAIT A MINUTE-- THAT MONEY ORDER WAS SENT TO ME BY MY COUSIN! IT WAS A DEBT HE WAS PAYING OFF!

YOU'RE LYING, MORGAN-- YOU TRIED TO BREAK INTO THE "BIG TIME," BUT YOUR GREED BETRAYED YOU!

MIKE TRAPP WEARS DOWN THE THUG'S RESISTANCE, AND FINALLY...



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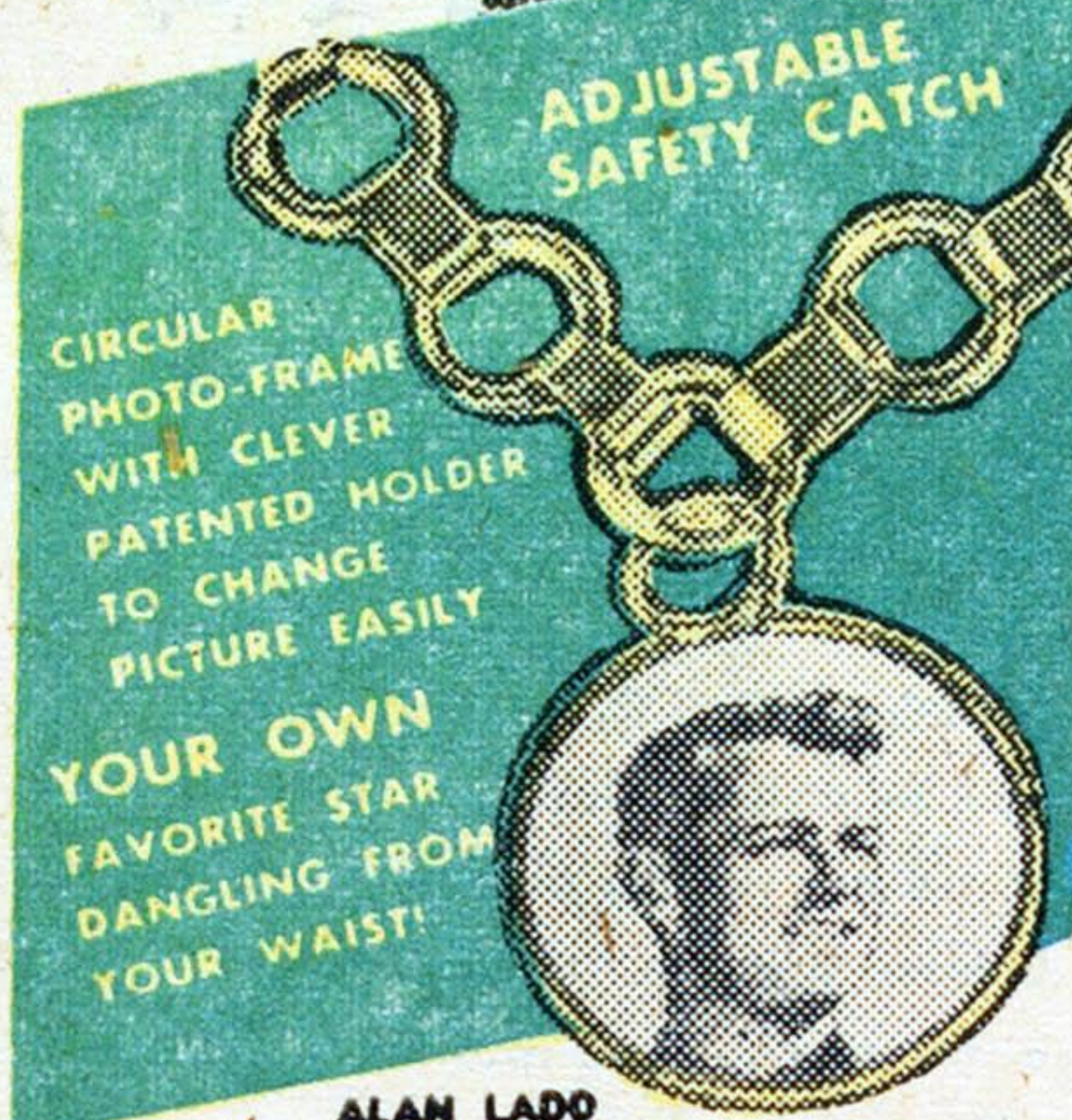
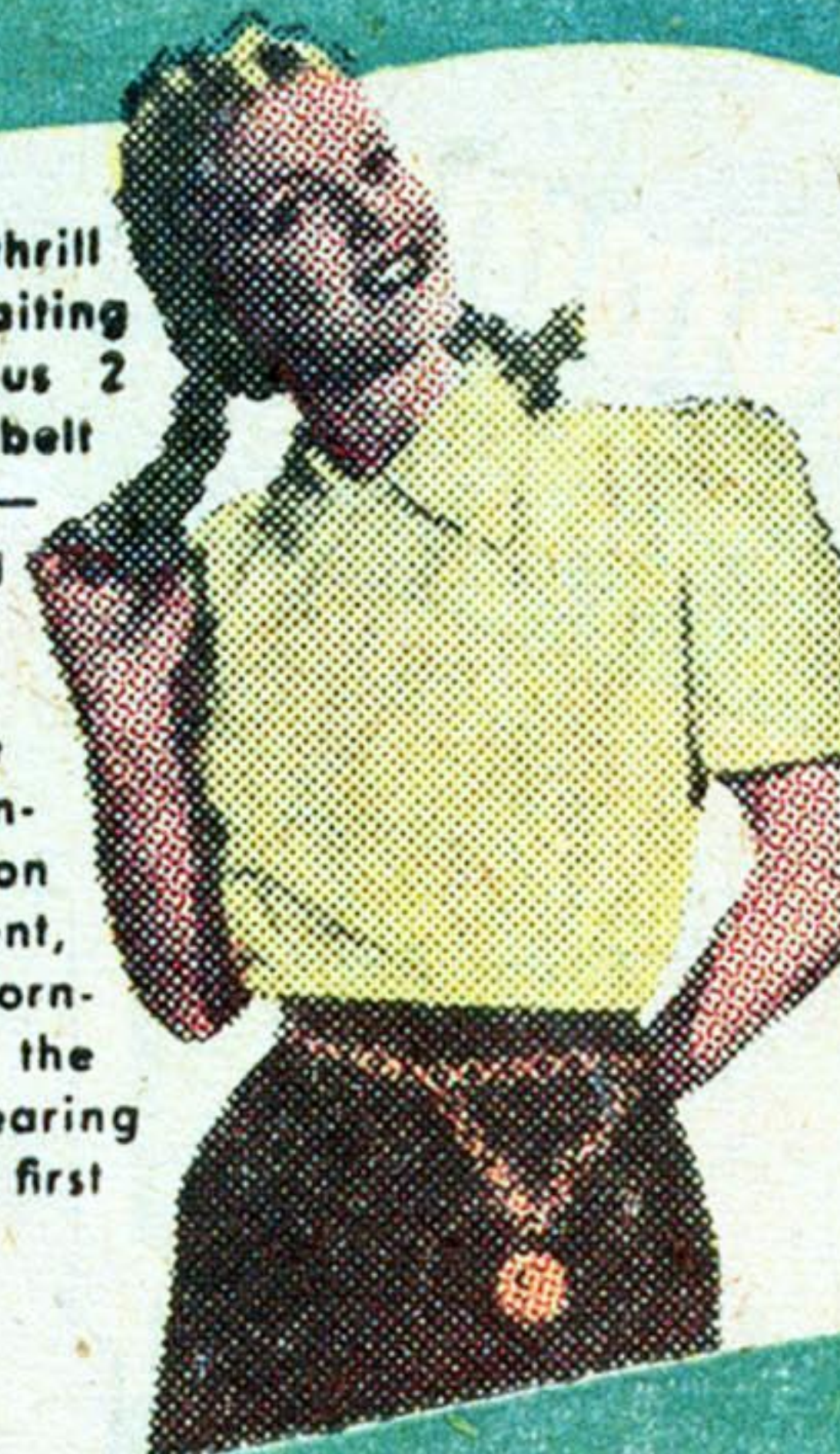
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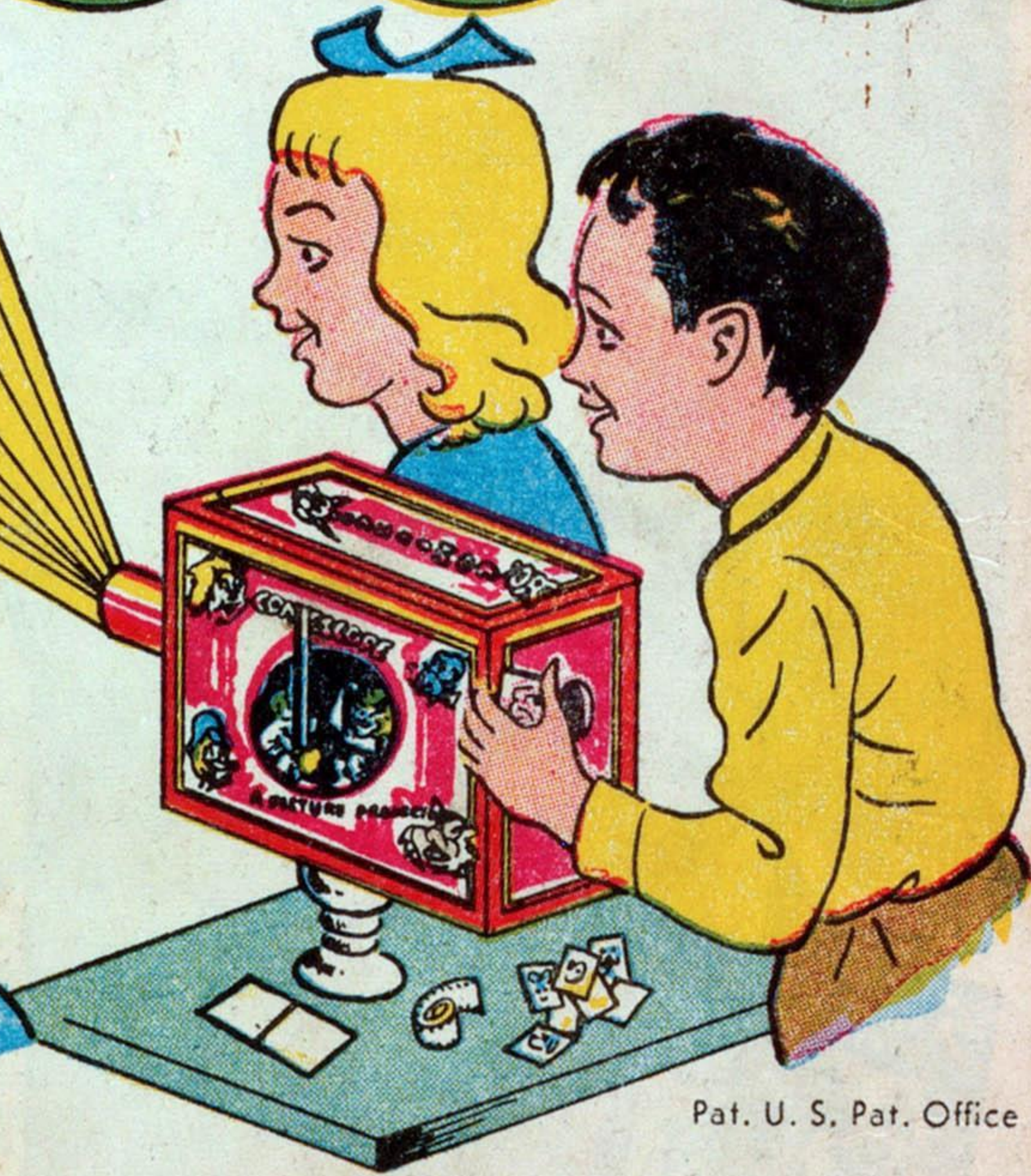
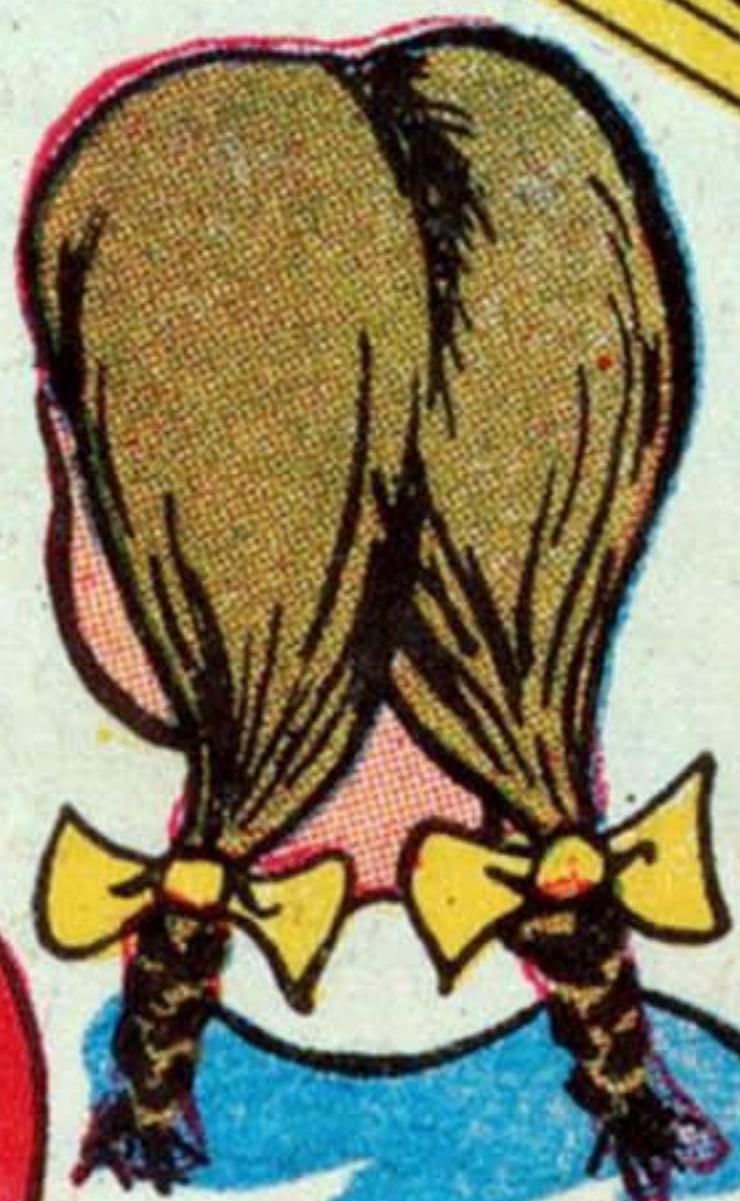


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